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Date with War Horse author is a sell-out

TICKETS to see the author of the worldwide best-selling children's book War Horse at Oswestry's literature festival have sold out – in less than three weeks.

Children's author and former Children's Laureate Michael Morpurgo will kick off the fourth Oswestry Festival of The Word at The Marches School, in Morda Road, on March 10 in front of a crowd of literary enthusiasts of all ages.

Mr Morpurgo's book War Horse has become a global phenomenon. It was transferred to the London stage and turned into a hit movie directed by Steven Spielberg.

He has agreed to officially launch this year's festival and all 300 tickets have been sold more than a month before the event takes place.

Other events taking place during the festival were also selling well, organisers said.

Tickets for the event with Whitbread Prize-winning novelist Kate Atkinson, who will be at The Wynnstey Hotel on March 22, were also expected to sell out well.

For more information about the festival visit www.oswestrylitfest.co.uk. To book tickets call Booka Bookshop on (01691) 662244.

Relate seeks volunteers

RELATE, the charity offering relationship and family counselling, has moved in Oswestry and is on the lookout for volunteers to help in its shop.

The group has expanded into new premises in Albion Hill from its previous home in Bailey Street, selling second hand furniture and household items.

And with new manager Teresa StJohn in place it is on the lookout for men and women to help with deliveries, collections and cleaning to cope with increased trade.

Relate's Shropshire chief executive officer Lin Foley said: "Anyone interested should either call in at the shop or call (01691) 688650."

MARKET NAMED BEST IN BRITAIN

OSWESTRY'S indoor market has been named the best in Britain, it has been revealed this week.

The Powis Market Hall was crowned the country's top local council-run market by the National Association of British Market Authorities.

The award was presented by Apprentice finalist and former market trader Adam Corbally, who was joined by Don Foster, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.

The judges said the market's refurbishment, new website and free wifi internet for customers and traders helped Oswestry to clinch the title. The market, along with the outdoor Bailey Head market, is run by Oswestry Town Council.

The chairman of its markets and car parks committee, Councillor Cynthia Hawksley,

by Graham Breeze

Work to start on £100,000 sport scheme

WORK on £100,000 improvements to sports facilities at Walford & North Shropshire College in Oswestry will start in the next few weeks.

A new training pitch will be created and floodlights installed on the multi-use games area at the Oswestry campus. It is hoped the work will be completed by early summer.

It is part of a move to boost facilities for the growing number studying sport. Staff say there has been a 20 per cent increase in the number of students signing up for sports-related courses in three years.

Planning consent has now been confirmed and contractors will be ready to start work by the end of the month.

Andrew Tyley, college principal, said: "This further investment of £100,000 will bring on-stream a full suite of outdoor sports facilities for the growing intake of sports students.

"We already have strong interest in our full-time sports courses for this September and by then we will be able to see the full range of facilities in use."

Mr Tyley said the college had launched a new foundation degree in sport validated by Staffordshire University. It is also looking for clubs interested in using training facilities, particularly on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

said the award was fantastic news and wonderful recognition of the council's investment.

"The support of the market traders and our local community has been wonderful," she said.

Oswestry beat off competition from market towns across the country to win the award at a ceremony in Birmingham.

Communities Minister Don Foster said: "Oswestry market is very special to its town and went through a major refit in 2012.

"Initiatives have included a new market website and the introduction of wifi."

Visitors

"This has helped increase footfall and profit."

Other improvements included the installation of a lift to give visitors easier access to the first floor gallery stalls.

Although the number of traders on markets across Britain has plummeted the indoor market has consistently seen its stalls full, often with a waiting list.

Town mayor Councillor Martin Bennett said he hoped that the award would give the Powis Hall an even higher profile and encourage more visitors.

The minister congratulated the market and town council on providing an outstanding market for local people to shop at, supporting the local economy and creating jobs.

"High streets are facing a tough time at the moment with household name shops closing and strong competition from internet sales – yet many markets across the country are thriving," he said.

He said markets could play a critical role in encouraging people to revisit their high streets and make them the beating hearts of their communities.

He added: "I want to do everything possible to support our markets and high streets as a vital place where people from all backgrounds meet as well as shop, and tomorrow's entrepreneurs cut their teeth."

Men-only charity bake off



Michael Phillips at the Qube in Oswestry getting ready for The Great Selattyn Bake Off. Picture: Peter Flemmich.

MEN who fancy themselves as the next Paul Hollywood – star of the Great British Bake Off – are invited to take part in the Great Selattyn Bake Off.

Men from Oswestry and beyond are being invited to put their baking skills to the test and take part in the event on February 17 at The Cross Keys pub in Selattyn.

All entries will be auctioned off to raise cash for Qube, based in Oswestry.

Gwyneth Parish, organiser and brainchild of the event and a trustee of Qube, said: "This is a great opportunity for men to get baking and enter their favourite cakes.

"They just need to bring along their cake to The Cross Keys by 7pm. The cakes will be judged and then auctioned off. We're looking forward to a great selection of baking."

Mrs Parish added: "I thought it would be fun to challenge it," she said. "I know a lot of male friends who can bake. It would be fun to give them a chance."

"I have had a lot of interest and we have had several entries."

Qube serves the needs of local residents with accessible transport services with Dial-a-ride and Community Cars, through the volunteer centre and the art gallery.

Talks over plan to ban dogs are put back

A PUBLIC meeting over plans to ban dogs from many public areas in Welshpool has been postponed for a month.

Welshpool Town Council said the meeting into its dog control order will be held at the end of March to give more people the chance to have their say on the controversial plans.

Robert Robinson, town clerk, said he hoped as many people as possible would get in touch.

The plans would see five playgrounds and the town playing fields at Maesydyr be made dog-free zones due to persistent fouling.

Mr Robinson said: "The town council will be considering the responses to the consultation regarding the introduction of Dog Control Orders on its playgrounds, sports surfaces and areas where children and families play on March 27 in the council chamber of the town hall."

"This is a meeting where the public may attend."

The council said last month that dog fouling had persisted despite a number of warnings and campaigns, and even CCTV had been used to target the culprits and town councillors will vote over whether or not to issue the dog control order after the results of the consultation are known.

If the plans are backed people found in prohibited areas with dogs could face prosecution.

Fogarty to star in town

TWO of the biggest names in World Superbike racing will be in Oswestry next week at a sell-out event organised by the Road Racing Legends Club.

The eighth fundraiser will be attended by Carl Fogarty, the most successful World Superbike racer of all time, and Frankie Chili, who had a record number of starts in the Superbike World Championships. The event takes place at The Wynnstey Hotel on February 15.

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Young entrepreneurs' advice session

BUDDING young entrepreneurs in and around Oswestry are being encouraged to attend a new business start-up club.

Start Up Oswestry is an open to people aged 18 to 30 who are thinking of setting up their own company.

Each meeting gives basic start-up information and aims to help young people put together a simple business plan. It also gives support with

sales and marketing, access to finance and help in promoting their new enterprise.

Four meetings have been held since the club was launched last October and the next will take place on February 12 from 5.30pm until 7pm at The Guildhall in Oswestry.

Mike Owen, Shropshire Council's Cabinet member for business growth and prosperity, said: "These

clinics provide a great opportunity for Oswestry's budding young entrepreneurs to gain valuable advice about setting up their own business.

"I encourage anyone aged 30 and under with a great business idea to come along, to find out how to turn that idea into a money-making business."

Shropshire Councillor Vince

Hunt, Shropshire councillor for Oswestry West, said: "At the event they will be talking about developing ideas, naming the business, branding, pitching, connecting to other new start-up businesses, making contacts with existing business owners and local network groups."

Tickets are free but registration is essential. Visit <http://startupleu.boswestry4.eventbrite.co.uk>

Churches prepare for Lent luncheons

MEMBERS of St Oswald's Parish Church in Oswestry, are busy donning their aprons and preparing soup for Lent Luncheons that start next week.

The first lunch will be on Ash Wednesday, February 13, with the events raising money for poorer people both at home and abroad.

Reverend Simon Thorburn said: "Many Christians use these weeks leading up to Good Friday and Easter as a time to renew their understanding of what it means to follow Jesus Christ today."

"A simple Lent Lunch of soup, bread and cheese every Wednesday at 12.45pm is a way of sharing in Jesus's way of life by showing solidarity with some of the world's poorer people."

He said a donation of £4 is suggested for lunch, all of which would be donated to support a range of projects including Hands@Work in Africa, the Church Missionary Society and the Children's Society.

Lent lunches are held every Wednesday in the Parish Centre, off the Broad Walk, Church St. from February 13 until March 20.

There is also a "Thought for the Day" and brief prayers at 12.30pm.

"Why not drop in, have some time for reflection, a bite to eat and help others all at the same time," Reverend Thorburn said.

Advice available for new business

OSWESTRY Library will be host to a work club.

The event will be held on February 15 from 10am until 12pm. Those attending will get the chance to speak to a range of local organisations who can help them in setting up a new business.

Call (01691) 667388 or email oswestry.library@shropshire.gov.uk

WITH shops closing down at an alarming rate as shoppers forsake the High Street in favour of the internet, book sellers in Oswestry and Welshpool are bucking the trend.

Shaun Sheppard, from Crickheath, near Oswestry, started up his Hall of Books as an online retail company selling second hand books throughout the UK and beyond.

Now he has opened a bookshop in the town's indoor market which is already proving popular.

While 19-year-old Martin Riffel, from Welshpool, has followed the same route and can be found in Welshpool Market Village.

"Economic conditions, the influence of the Internet and competition from the charitable sector has seen retail sales in the second-hand book trade hit particularly hard," Mr Sheppard said.

Ambition

"Opening a 'bricks and mortar' outlet to run alongside the online operation, www.hallofbooks.com, was always an ambition and, when the shop became available in the indoor market at the end of last year, we moved in. Sales to date have been excellent with increasing repeat business, underpinned by the continued success of the online operation."

Mr Sheppard said that online Hall of Books was selling books throughout

by Graham Breeze

the UK and internationally with orders regularly going to Europe, USA, Canada and Australia.

"We have over 30,000 titles in stock and sales have developed year on year."

The shop is open every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday on the Balcony, Powis Hall, in Bailey Head, Oswestry.

Martin Riffel took over the bookstall in Welshpool Market Village last September. He started trading as Treehigh Sales the previous April 2012 with online sales of old and new books and at the market on a Thursday in Montgomery Townhall.

He said: "I have had a long standing interest in books and look forward to the challenges that running my own business will bring."

The Welshpool Bookstall is open Monday to Saturday, from 9.30am to 4.30pm with a wide range of old and new books for sale.



Shaun Sheppard, from Hall of Books at the market in Oswestry.



Martin Riffel from Treehigh Sales, at the market in Welshpool.

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Paul & Julie are pleased to announce that they are now serving delicious home cooked food with a freshly awarded 5 star Food & Hygiene rating at the Vaults.

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We also have a new night to our agenda Thursdays "Meet & Greet Night" for all you singles who are looking for that someone special this will start weekly on Thursday the 14th of February with a live DJ, special cocktails and a glass of bubbly on arrival. This will be held every Thursday giving everyone a chance to be hit by Cupid's arrow.

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Nia joins NFW team as an area officer



Nia Wyn Evans

THE Farmers' Union of Wales has appointed Nia Wyn Evans as their area officer for south Montgomeryshire to succeed Montgomery-based Tony Williams, who recently retired from the post after 26 years' service.

Mrs Evans, who has previously worked for the FFW as an area officer in Merionnydd and as the union's welfare officer, said: "I feel very privileged to have been appointed as an area officer for south Montgomeryshire and can't wait to meet the FFW members and insurance clients in my new area."

Together with her husband Dylan, she runs a 25-acre smallholding with 120 Beltex ewes and 12 chickens on the Mawddach estuary.

Mrs Evans will be based in the FFW county office in Newtown and will be present at Welshpool livestock market on Mondays to deal with and address any issues or customer insurance needs.

FWW business development director Emyr James said: "We are delighted to welcome Nia back to the fold and are quite sure that she will maintain the high level of service for our members in Montgomeryshire."

Mr James added: "We wish her every success in her new role."

Irate protester arrested at council planning meeting

AN IRATE protester who says a conservation area in the heart of Oswestry is being ruined was arrested on Tuesday after disrupting a planning meeting.

Mr John Edwards, who said he owned land in the town, stood up at the beginning of Shropshire Council's north planning committee in the council chamber in Castle View to complain about vehicles driven over pedestrian walkways in front of Oswald Row cottages in Madoc Place.

With his speech having no connection to the agenda for the meeting he was asked to sit down but refused saying he wanted to be arrested so he could explain his protest in court.

Police were called as Mr Edwards remained on his feet in the council chamber for 20 minutes, councillors retiring to a back room.

Eventually Mr Edwards told members of the public waiting to hear the debates that he would stand outside and wait for officers to arrive.

As the meeting began those inside could hear a heated debate as Mr Edwards refused to let the matter go. Eventually an hour after the disruption began, he was escorted to a police car.

Call for 20mph blanket speed limit for town

A CAMPAIGN has been launched for a 20mph blanket speed limit for the whole of Oswestry.

Sarah-Charlotte Peace, who was injured in an accident in the town, has started a petition calling for the cut in speed limit.

Now she wants to get as many signatures as possible by March to try and achieve her goal.

Mrs Peace, from Oswestry, suffered serious injuries when a car ran over both her legs in an accident in the town centre.

She says road speeds in the town is an issue close to her heart.

As a result of the accident she had to spend 13 nights in hospital and is still on crutches today.

She now wants people to support her to promote the national 20s Plenty campaign to stop motorists travelling too fast on town centre roads.

Mrs Peace's paper petition has been placed in Oswestry shops Honeysuckle, Radio Cafe and Stuart Barkley cycles. There is also one in Stans Bikes in Shrewsbury.

"A lot of people want it for the town," she said. "I know a lot of places where the petitions have already filled pages."

She urged everyone with comments in support in the idea of making the town a 20 mph zone to e-mail her. She was also keen to hear from anyone else in the county who would like to start a 20s Plenty campaign in their town.

To find out more about the campaign visit peacecycling.blogspot.co.uk or e-mail peacecycling@btinternet.com

Breach

Police said a man was arrested on suspicion of causing a breach of the peace.

Mr Edwards said he had spent four years asking Shropshire Council to furnish him with the relevant planning permission which allowed the walkway to be used by vehicles.

"The conservation area in the town is being ruined," he said. "I have asked the ward councillor, Keith Barrow, to visit Madoc Place and see the problems for himself."

He refused to elaborate on his interest in Madoc Place although he said he neither lived in nor owned Oswald Row cottages.

Committee chairman, Karen Calder, said it had been an unfortunate incident.

One of the tenants of Oswald Row Cottages, Elaine Jones, said she believed Mr Edwards owned land in the area. She said that vehicles did pass very close to her home.

"It can be a bit tight at times," she said.

It adds up for Sierra

A YOUNG mathematician has won a number of rewards for her talents.

Sixth former Sierra Chow from Adcote School for Girls, in Little Ness, was invited to sit the Senior Kangaroo Challenge.

It comes after she won a gold award for the UK Maths Challenge. It is written for the most able mathematics students.



John Edwards is led away by police after he disrupted a Shropshire County Council planning meeting.

First aid training session is a success

NEARLY 20 people in Oswestry have completed an emergency first aid session to help people in need.

The 18 volunteers were trained by members of Oswestry Community First Responders.

West Midlands Ambulance Service paramedic Terry Foster led the event and put people through their paces. He taught them how to carry out practice resuscitation, cardiac compression and helping save a choking baby, child or adult.

They also covered issues including how to help people who were suffering from a heart attack, strokes or severe bleeding.

The session was organised by Borderland Rotary Club and the Oystereers and was held at Oswestry Fire Station, in Mount Road.

Organiser Mike Lade said: "Each attendee went away with a richly deserved Heart Start certificate issued by the British Heart Foundation. This means that each now has the skills to sustain life until the ambulance service can get to them."

"These are literally skills for life." Oswestry Borderland Rotary Club meet on a Wednesday evening at 7.30pm at the Sweeney Hall Hotel.

For more information on the Borderland club and its activities visit www.borderlandrotary.co.uk

Crew puts out chimney blaze

FIREFIGHTERS were called out to deal with a chimney fire at a home in a village near Oswestry.

One crew from Oswestry attended the property in School Lane in Gobowen at about 9.10pm on Tuesday.

Firefighters used a thermal image camera and chimney rods to put out the blaze in about 40 minutes.

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1,300 speeders caught each day

ABOUT 1,300 motorists a day are breaking the 30mph speed limit on a main road through Gobowen, safety bosses revealed today.

One driver was clocked at travelling at 58mph on St Martins Road in Gobowen despite a high profile anti-speed campaign.

Bosses at the Safer Roads Partnership in West Mercia, who have sited a speed van on the road on a regular basis since October 2011, vowed to carry on catching the speeders until they finally obey the 'slow down' warning.

They said approximately 630 vehicles a day on average travelled above 36.8mph as they drove towards Gobowen.

Looking at vehicles travelling in both directions approximately 1,300 a day are exceeding 35.4mph, the group said.

In March the speed van caught one driver travelling at 58mph and in June another driver was travelling at 48mph.

The safety partnership says 15 per cent of drivers are still travelling along the road too fast more than a year after the safety measure was introduced.

The speed enforcement site was launched as part of the Safer Roads Partnership in West Mercia's Community Concern programme, which responds to community requests for speed enforcement.

When the site launched there was a significant speed compliance problem and 15 per cent of vehicles were travelling above 38.4mph along the 30mph road.

Bosses say although speeds have reduced slightly, there is still an issue – particularly with vehicles travelling towards St Martins.

Anna Higgins, the partnership's communications manager, said: "Data suggests that almost 80 per cent of offenders are from the Shropshire area.

"We will continue to target this road with our speed enforcement vehicles in a bid to bring speeds down even further."

Shropshire Councillor David Lloyd, member for the Gobowen area, said: "Residents, especially parents, will welcome the extension to this speed enforcement site."

by **Graham Breeze**

Fundraiser for memorial day

PUPILS at Oswestry's Marches School marked Holocaust Memorial Day with a number of activities.

Members of the school's history club held a bake sale and a cake making competition to support Holocaust Memorial Trust.

Staff and pupils were encouraged to decorate their creations in their house colours, ultimately winning points for their team.

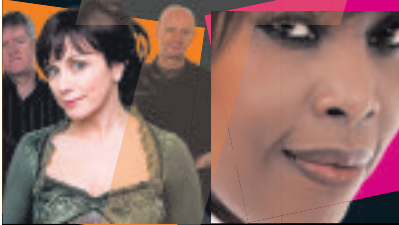
House points were awarded for all cakes brought in. All the cakes were sold at break and lunchtime, raising £147.72.

History teacher Carrie Sayce said: "A massive thank you to all who made and bought cakes – we were inundated in the humanities office by 678 donated cakes and were overwhelmed by the generosity and support of both staff and students."

Holocaust Memorial Day was established following then-MP Andrew Dismore's visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau with the Holocaust Educational Trust. The PM, Tony Blair, formally launched it on January 26, 2000.

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Prints to go on show at centre



MEMBERS of The Project Group based in Oswestry have been busy making screen prints based on drawings by the residents of Shelton Hospital in Shrewsbury. The prints feature scenes around the old Shelton Hospital that they miss seeing the most. The finished pieces will be displayed at the new Redwood Centre in Shrewsbury. Project leader Valentine Davis is seen putting the finishing touches to the prints.

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NEWS

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Jobs set to go as council cuts its £80m wage bill

JOBS ARE set to go at Powys County Council under plans to streamline the way it is run and to slice its £80 million wage bill.

Facing a challenge to cut as much as £30 million off its overall budget while maintaining as many services as possible, the council has confirmed that jobs will have to go and the process starts immediately. It has also confirmed that students in post-16 education will have to cough up for their transport costs.

"The council will not be providing figures until the formal consultations start and affected employees are fully aware of the proposals," said a spokesperson.

"The consultation will be starting next week."

by Graham Breeze

Celebrations being held at town library

COMMUNITY art activities will be held in Oswestry for National Libraries Day.

Artists will be creating sculptures from papers in the town library on Saturday.

People will also be able to take part in Shropshire's Spring Read, designed to help people find a good book by sharing reading recommendations. It asks people to read four books, write down what they thought of them, and give them a star rating.

For inspiration, people can look at the Spring Read book lists at their local library.

Rating forms can be picked up from any library and should be returned there in return for four free library requests, and entry into a prize draw. One lucky reader will win £30 worth of book tokens.

The closing date for entries is April 23. Visit shropshire.gov.uk/library.nsf

Council leader David Jones said Powys faces some tough decisions.

"We have been warning residents, staff and service users for some time that fundamental change was needed and the new operating model and restructure are the start of that process," he said.

"The background to the issues has been clearly set out: a huge financial shortfall created by public sector austerity cuts and successive disappointing budget settlements, shifting population trends creating new service pressures – particularly for schools and adult services, and ever-increasing inflationary costs.

Changes

"We will be focussing on the roles and responsibilities of individuals and services across the whole organisation. The new operating model and restructuring mark the start of that process and will trigger many changes in the future.

"During this transformation our emphasis has to be on creating a leaner, more efficient organisation; one that drives service improvement in all areas and not one that simply cuts service provision in response to financial pressures."

The council has confirmed that it will be raising council tax by 2.75 per cent, as well as raising council house rents.

Aled takes to the road on trike



Aled Owen, five, with his new trike

FIVE YEAR old Aled Owen shows off his new trike with pride.

It may not look like the usual trike that youngsters ride but it means he can use it to join in the fun and games that others he age enjoy.

And Aled would not have the impressive new machine without the help of friends and supporters.

The youngster who lives in Llansantffraid with his mother, Julie and father, Richard, was born with cerebral palsy.

His determination to do as much as he can has amazed his family, who last year organised a fundraising bingo evening to help raise funds to buy him the motorised trike.

The evening raised more than £500 which went a long way towards the £856 cost of the trike.

Mr Owen said: "This gives him his independence. and his freedom.

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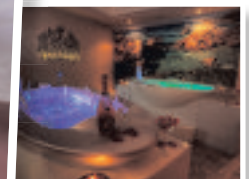
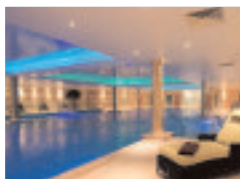
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in brief

Cake decorating course in village

A BEGINNERS' cake decoration workshop will be held in a village near Oswestry.

It will take place at the Methodist Hall in West Felton on March 4 from 10am-3pm.

The tutor will be Gillian Sturges from Chime Cakes. It offers people the chance to learn the basics of cake decoration with a Mothers' Day theme.

A spokesperson said: "All you need is a cake, fruit or sponge, and a rolling pin. All other material will be supplied."

Places are limited so people should call (01691) 611811.

Coffee morning to aid train trail

A COFFEE morning will be held in the Corn Exchange at Welshpool Town Hall tomorrow (Friday) from 9am to noon, to raise money for the proposed town trail.

It is planned that the trail will follow the route of the old train track through the town centre.

A photographic display of the train is also being proposed.

Chimney on fire

FIREFIGHTERS dealt with a chimney fire in Llanfyllin on Monday. The fire broke out just before 2pm at Penygarth. A fire crew from Llanfyllin spent 45 minutes dealing with the incident.

Evie-Lou packed and ready to go for life-changing op in US

A DISABLED five-year-old girl has packed her bags ready to travel to America tomorrow (Friday) for a life-changing operation.

Evie-Lou Harrington, from Llangynog, near Oswestry, will be flying to St Louis with her mum, Donna and dad, Paul, thanks to the help of fundraisers.

The little girl has cerebral palsy and can only walk with the aid of a special frame. After finding out there was a long waiting list in the UK for the operation to give Evie-Lou movement in her legs, her family launched a £50,000 appeal, called Evie's Dream, so she could have the surgery at the St Louis Children's Hospital.

by **Graham Breeze**

Top pop acts join line-up at music festival

TOP POP acts Wiley and Lawson are the latest names to be added to this summer's Osfest music festival at Oswestry.

Today's announcement comes a week after the festival announced that boy band JLS will be this year's headliner.

Wiley, best known for his summer number one Heatwave, is a British grime artist who has already produced nine albums.

Lawson, a British pop rock band, are already well known for festival appearances.

Both will perform on May 25, the same day that JLS take to the stage at the three-day festival at the Park Hall Showground.

This year the Osfest - Break for the Border festival goes under cover with the addition of a huge big top to ensure revellers stay dry, whatever the weather.

Mike Harris, owner of The New Saints football team donated £2,000 and has also offered to help with the youngster's physiotherapy when she comes home.

Evie-Lou is expected to have the operation on February 12.

Mrs Harrington said: "Evie has had her bags packed for four weeks now. She is excited. Her friends will be doing a cake in school for her before she goes."

"We will be out there for four and a half weeks so any messages of support would help."

Mrs Harrington said she hoped people would continue fundraising while the family were in America.

"We need to get the awareness out there to help us get closer to our target," she said. "While we are out there it would be nice to still have people doing bits and pieces."

Mr Harris said: "To be able to make a difference to someone is very important and I really hope this can help Evie."

Evie's siblings Emily, seven, Olivia, eight, Diego, 11, and Leighton, 13, will stay with their grandparents when she is on her trip.

Mrs Harrington will be putting updates on the website www.eviesdream.org.

After the operation the little girl will have to undergo physiotherapy before a second operation.

There will be a fundraising event on March 28 at the Buttermarket in Shrewsbury, Mrs Harrington added.

School sports stars' success



From left, Niamh Maguire, Will Napper, Ishtiaque Rashid and Jade Gibson.

FIVE youngsters from Oswestry's Marches School have been given the chance to become the sports leaders of tomorrow.

Niamh Maguire, Ellie Clark, Jade Gibson, Ishtiaque Rashid and Will Napper have been selected as members of the North Shropshire Leadership Academy.

This is a project overseen by Duncan Settrington, extended schools manager at the Lakelands School in Ellesmere.

It works with pupils who have shown outstanding leadership skills during their PE lessons.

Throughout the school year, there will be a number of training days for academy members and these will be linked to School Games events for 2013.

The five students from the Marches School visited the Lakelands School in January to take part in the first academy training day.

The day was split into two sessions, to enable students to attend two of the four activities on offer.

Sessions included rugby, hockey and netball.

Security advice as sheds are targeted

HOMEOWNERS in Mid Wales are being urged to lock their sheds and outbuildings following a spate of burglaries.

Dyfed Powys Police said there have been eight burglaries from sheds in the force area since January 1.

Chief Inspector Richard Lewis said: "We've seen several cases in the last month, with eight crimes committed in sheds and other outbuildings."

"Most of these offences are happening overnight and in half of the cases, the buildings have been left insecure. They're spread out across the whole area."

"Garden sheds are too often easy targets and we are encouraging people to install good quality locks and also to properly mark their equipment using UV marker pens, paint or engraving."

"They should also consider recording model and serial numbers of equipment on www.immobilise.com"

"You can install security lighting in the garden and ensure fences and gates are kept in good condition and that good quality locks are fitted to the shed and are securely locked. Windows should also be fitted with locks."

"Summer is coming, and garden sheds will become targets for criminals."

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Taste of Italy as sinfonia performs

A PROGRAMME of music with an Italian theme will be performed in Oswestry.

Oswestry Sinfonia will perform at a concert in Holy Trinity Church in Roff Street, Oswestry, on March 9. The programme will include Schubert, Antonio Vivaldi and Mendelssohn.

The guest soloist will be Jonathan Richards who teaches and composes for classical guitar. He has made many recordings over a wide repertoire from Baroque to contemporary, and is much in demand as a performer.

Tickets for Oswestry Sinfonia's 'An Italian Evening' are available from the Heritage Centre, members of the orchestra and on the door, or they can be ordered by visiting www.oswestrysinfonia.co.uk

They cost £8 each and under 16s are free. Refreshment of cake and wine will be served during the interval. The event will start at 7.30pm.

Table top sale

A TABLE top sale will be held in Gobowen on Saturday. It will be held by members of Preshennlle United Reformed Church in the schoolroom between 2pm and 4pm. Tables cost £5 and can be booked by calling (01691) 658016.

Freegle charity group show how rubbish can be reused

MEMBERS of a charity group are proving that almost anything can be reused instead of being thrown into the dump.

The Freegle internet group involves about 3,000 people from the Oswestry area, and in the past month they have saved about 1,600 kilos (3,527lbs) of items from being thrown away.

Now the group is helping one family to 'save up' for a tablet computer to help a youngster with dyslexia, Carol Duncan, from Gobowen, says Freegle has been invaluable to her family. "We have given and received many times through our local Freegle."

by Graham Breeze

Chapel project designs created

A WORKSHOP has been held to help create a design which will be used on a new stained glass window on one of Shropshire's most historic buildings.

The new window is being designed to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Oswestry School's chapel. Pupils from the school have been tasked to help design the new window which is to be built for the chapel.

Students who had submitted designs, or shown an interest in the project to design the new chapel window, attended a workshop with Barry Brady from Meridian Stained Glass.

The design brief was events in school life over the past 150 years, including the school becoming co-educational as well as specific subjects including knowledge, learning, evolution, creation, music, drama, Captain Burnaby and John Parry-Thomas.

The Old Oswestrian London Dinner on May 18 is being held in aid of the appeal. Contact r.bowd@oswestryschool.org.uk

"We are currently collecting old mobile phones as my daughter, Lucy, is able to apply for an iPad in exchange for 165 mobile phones to support her dyslexia needs."

"Several members of Freegle have helped us in this quest and with their help, and the help of friends and family, we are nearing our total."

Saira Horner, one of the organisers of Oswestry Freegle, said: "It's easy to give away goods to local people in Oswestry who can make use of them."

Upcycling

"Freegle allows members to post pictures and descriptions of anything legal they want to give away and puts them in touch with people locally who may want it."

"During the last month we estimate Oswestry Freegle Group saved around 1,600kg from entering the waste stream, during peak months we have been known to double that figure."

Saira said goods beyond their original purpose could also be turned into something new – upcycling.

"Old washing machine drums can make attractive lamps and table bases while old house windows can make great greenhouses for the garden."

"Reuse is more environmentally-friendly than recycling, which breaks material down into elements and uses masses of energy and transport to do so."

See www.facebook.com/Freegle.



Lucy Duncan, 13, top, and her sister Emily, 10. Picture: Peter Flemmich.

NEWS

in brief

Mayor to host a St David's event

A ST DAVID'S Day coffee morning will be held by the Mayor of Welshpool.

Councillor John Meredith will host the event on March 1 at the Corn Exchange at Welshpool Town Hall, in Broad Street, from 10am.

The tables will be decorated with vases of daffodils and the flag of St David and people will be able to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with a Welsh cake for 50p. There will also be a raffle and book sale.

Proceeds will go to the mayor's chosen charities – Epilepsy Wales and the Stroke Club. The result of the St David's Day best dressed window competition will also be announced and the mayor will present the winner with a framed certificate.

Pensioners' party hailed a success

THE recent New Year's Party for senior citizens at Welshpool Town Hall has been hailed a great success.

Organised by Alan Crowe, the party featured entertainment from Alan Herbert, plus special guests, Opportunity Knocks winner Berni Flint, Paralympic gold medal winner Deborah Brennan and Paul Hayes from TV's Cash In The Attic. Mr Crowe thanked local businesses for their support. The raffle raised £153.



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Market accolade as the UK's best is well deserved

OSWESTRY'S famous indoor market was this week recognised as the best in Britain – and that's some achievement with markets failing all across the country.

The plight of the market trader has been a problem for a long while but while many have packed away their goods and given up the ghost Oswestry's market still remains a great example of days gone by.

As a child I can well remember being dragged along by my mother to one market or another in search of bargains and being fascinated by the traders and their goods they had to offer.

Later I became a regular contributor to the World's Fair & Market Trader, a publication seemingly read by every stall holder in the land. But how that all changed with the

**BREEZE
ABOUT
TOWN**

with Graham Breeze



demise of street markets across the country and my monthly payment dried up.

So it is great news to see Oswestry's indoor market – The Powis Market – held in such esteem and being crowned the country's top local council-run market by the National Association of British Market Authorities.

The judges said the market's refurbishment, new website and free wifi internet for

customers and traders helped Oswestry to clinch the title. The market, along with the outdoor Bailey Head market, is run by Oswestry Town Council.

The Powis Hall houses a great variety of traders and has a lovely atmosphere since the refurbishment programme last year.

Although the number of traders on markets across Britain has plummeted the indoor market has consistently seen its stalls full, often with a waiting list.

Thank goodness Oswestry's reputation as a market town remains as strong as ever.

THERE was also good news in Welshpool with organisers announcing that the newly named Bob Jones Memorial Air Show will go ahead again this year despite earlier speculation that the event was under threat.

Business are being encouraged to get

involved and provide the show with support and it is to be hoped the appeal is successful.

Bob Jones, who was a classmate of mine, built up the Montgomeryshire Airport on his land just outside Welshpool from scratch thanks to his love for everything connected with aviation.

Bob, who died so tragically last year, would have been immensely proud to have the airshow named in his honour. It would have been a tragedy had the show not happened this year.

IN THE Chronicle edition of January 24 we appealed for information about pictures of a mystery church.

It appears just about everyone knew the identity of Penant Melangell Church at Llangynog. Readers flooded our telephone and e-mail lines offering information.

Bobby's brush with Iron Lady was never forgotten

by Graham Breeze

THERE aren't many people who could accuse Margaret Thatcher of being too kind about striking workers.

But that is what a former Llanfyllin schoolboy did when he incurred the famous wrath of the Iron Lady on the cusp of her rise to power.

The encounter is among many chronicled in the autobiography of 80-year-old Bobby McAlpine, One Shot At Life, detailing his time at the family business, global construction firm Alfred McAlpine, along with his views on John Major, whom he met a number of times, and even how he ended up drinking with legendary footballer George Best.

Born into wealth and privilege as one of the heirs of an already successful company, Bobby began his school life at Llanfyllin, near Oswestry, and has spent much of his life since in the corner of the world where Shropshire, Cheshire and North Wales meet.

Today, he lives with his second wife Angela at Tilstone Lodge, a few miles north of Whitechurch, and his family has owned the Llanarmon shoot, near Oswestry, for more than 80 years.

College

Bobby joined his family's construction firm at the age of 18 as a junior engineer, initially studying one day a week at college and becoming well known on the local tennis and squash scene. It was during his 44 years with the company, resulting in seven as chairman, that Alfred McAlpine was involved in the road and house building boom and built stretches of the M6 and M5. It was also responsible for a series of Shropshire projects, including the £14 million scheme to build the A53 bypass at Hodnet, near Market Drayton.

Bobby McAlpine is the great grandson of the company's Victorian founder Sir Robert McAlpine. For nearly 20 years he was a director of Aintree, home of the Grand National, and has chaired the Chester and Bangor-on-Dee courses. Mr McAlpine has owned racehorses since the mid 1950s, winning various



Bobby McAlpine, who ran one of the country's most successful construction businesses, outside his home Tilstone Lodge.

major races including the Ascot Gold Cup, Champion Stakes and Supreme Novice Hurdle at Cheltenham. His love of horse racing grew after he became a steward at Wolverhampton racecourse in his mid 20s, which he did alongside his job in the family business.

In his early 20s he was living at his father's home at Tickwood Hall, overlooking Ironbridge, but for three months of the year his father would go away to South Africa so Mr McAlpine would live on Tettenhall Road in Wolverhampton.

He recalls the terror he felt at asking a question of Mrs Thatcher in the late 1970s, while she was trying to win favour with those opposed to James Callaghan's handling of the Winter of Discontent.

He was at a lunch at Claridge's in London, attended mainly by members of the construction trade, and had been given a question to ask her by the Conservative MP Tom King following remarks she had made about brave firemen, who were on strike, risking

their lives. The MP, now Baron King of Bridgwater, was of the opinion that some firefighters were extremely well paid and 'moonlighting like there was no tomorrow'. "She went cuckoo", Mr McAlpine recalls. "She said, 'Mr McAlpine, are you a frightened man?' and I said, 'I'm absolutely terrified'.

Despite their awkward encounter, Mr McAlpine regards Mrs Thatcher as the country's best prime minister, something he felt her successor John Major fell far short of being.

He recalls how he had been with Mr Major in the final months of his premiership hosting him at the Grand National when Mr Major was faced with a booing crowd. The book also tells of how Mr McAlpine played bridge with Lord Lucan a matter of days before he went missing in November 1974. They were both members of the Portland Club which counted politicians and peers of the realm among its members.

His encounter with George Best was at



Bobby with Richard John Bingham, aka Lord Lucan, at a bridge tournament.



Bobby met John Major on many occasions, including at the Grand National.

the height of his football career in a night-club in Manchester, where he had gone with a friend he knew through horse racing.

But to focus only on the famous people and politicians he has met would be to neglect the huge accomplishments of his life.

He and his second wife Angela have a daughter, Emma, while Mr McAlpine also has two sons and a daughter, Euan, Christopher and Jane, by his late first wife, also Jane.

He stood down as chairman of Alfred McAlpine in 1992 and left the company altogether in 1998. It is now owned by building giant Carillion.

And he has plenty of advice for today's politicians. He says: "One of the big scandals of recent years is how successive government neglected infrastructure."

"The only thing the Government seems to want to build is high-speed rail when we're desperate for roads."

"The problem is governments are not interested in things that take a long time."

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A: Currently people who have suffered an injury through no fault of their own, e.g. in a road traffic accident, are able to claim compensation in full under a No-Win No-Fee Agreement. Under the existing No-Win No-Fee Agreements, when a case wins the solicitors will be paid an extra percentage of their costs (success fee) by the losing insurance company. This means that usually the injured person receives 100% of the compensation awarded.

The legislation due to be brought in by the Government in April will mean that the success fee will be limited and will be paid from the compensation, so the days of 100% compensation recovery will be over. This may well mean that (a) there will be fewer solicitors prepared to take on personal injury claim cases and (b) claimants may find themselves losing up to 25% of their compensation award to help pay the legal costs of bringing the case. The Government has said this move is necessary as too many bogus claims were being made due to No-Win No-Fee Agreements making it too easy to pursue a claim. What it will do is give the insurance companies a windfall as they have already calculated and collected their premiums.

Anyone who feels that they have a case to bring should consult a solicitor as soon as possible and seek to enter a No-Win-No-Fee Agreement before the end of March in order to avoid the impact of these changes.

Further information relating to this question is available from AJohn Hulme, a Partner with GHP Legal. For information relating to any other legal matter please call GHP Legal on 01691 659194, visit www.ghplegal.co.uk or attend one of our FREE legal diagnostic clinics every Wednesday 12-3pm (no appointment necessary).



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Unlikely
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IN HIS long-awaited speech David Cameron finally offered the people of the UK an in/out referendum on Britain's membership of the European Union.

However, he revealed that the referendum would not be held until after the 2015 UK General Election, and is conditional on negotiations with the EU to claim powers.

Personally, I doubt that the negotiations that the Prime Minister has outlined will happen at all.

Martin Schultz, the president of the European Parliament, made it very clear that he does not see the renegotiation of the EU treaties as a realistic possibility.

Furthermore, I must question the likelihood of a referendum actually going ahead. According to Mr Cameron's plans, it will not take place for at least another five years – he is clearly just kicking the can down the road. The people of the UK should have a referendum and they should have it now.

Mr Cameron is deluded if he thinks that he will still be Prime Minister in 2017 or 2018 when this referendum will supposedly happen, the chances are that it will be Ed Miliband in Number 10 and he's already said he won't give us the opportunity to vote to leave or stay in the European Union.

JOHN BUFTON
UKIP MEP for Wales
Llandrindod
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Vegetarian
lifestyle is
healthy one

WITH all the controversy about horse meat in burgers etc. I wonder why people eat them anyhow?

I have been a vegetarian since 1964 – I became one because it upset me to think of animals being slaughtered to eat, not only horses but deer and pheasants, ostrich, ducks, chickens and all the sheep and cows. I also think fishing is very cruel.

If people choose to eat the flesh of animals and fish that is their choice, but you can live well and healthily without animal flesh.

Do I and all vegetarians wear leather shoes etc? Yes, but it is okay when the animal dies naturally. No, that is not an excuse.

KATHLEEN OWEN

Turbines as tall as Blackpool Tower

I SEE that Welshpool Town Clerk Robert Robinson is going to conduct a survey in the caravan sites and hotels of Montgomeryshire, to find out if visitors to the county support wind turbines, or wind generators, to describe them more correctly.

He is quoted as saying 'to simply argue that wind farms will have a negative effect on tourism is not enough any longer, we must be able to prove it!'

How is he going to prove that with a questionnaire, when neither the townies he questions, or local people, will have seen the 400ft and 475ft wind generators that will be coming,

because they do not currently exist in Wales? Visitors will be duped into thinking that the proposed new 'turbines', are the same size as the 'toys' already in the county.

Most of the latter are a mere 150ft in height, or the size of Nelson's Column. The 300 or so being applied for in the five applications, will be 400ft or 475ft high; up to treble the height of existing ones.

And to give some idea of what that looks like, 475ft is only 50ft shorter than Blackpool Tower, with blades that are longer than complete wind turbines currently seen in Mont-

gomeryshire. The people of the whole of Powys, as well as Denbighshire, Flintshire, Gwynedd and the rest of Wales, plus Shropshire and Cheshire, all need to protest urgently and vociferously against this disgusting desecration of one of Wales's finest old counties.

Some visitors will, through sheer ignorance, support wind generators, but when the truth dawns on them later on, they will hitch their caravans and leave!

L J JENKINS
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"Oswestry School, outside the headmaster's house" is handwritten on the back of this old postcard and if you look closely you'll see one of the seated gentlemen has been marked with a cross. You would intuitively expect the headmaster to be sitting in the centre of the row, so the reason this particular staff member is highlighted must be a matter of speculation. Can anyone help with an estimate of the date? The postcard comes from the collection of collector Ray Farlow.

Get together to
support charity

I AM writing to ask your readers to lend their support to CLIC Sargent, the UK's leading cancer charity for children and young people, by getting behind the 'Great Mum's Get Together' 2013, which runs from Sunday 10th March, Mother's Day, to Sunday 17th March.

When mums get together, great things can happen and the fundraising week is all about mums coming together to raise vital funds for children and young people with cancer.

The 'Great Mums Get Together' is the new name of our flagship fundraising event for mums, previously called Yummy Mummy Week. The purpose of the event – to get together with other mums over a cuppa and perhaps some cake – remains the same, but the name better reflects our supporters and the 'greatness' of the event.

CLIC Sargent is encouraging mums everywhere to host their own fundraising events and spending quality time with their children, family and friends. All the money raised will help CLIC Sargent continue to provide clinical, practical and emotional support for children and young people with cancer.

Last year, fundraising events locally ranged from coffee mornings and afternoon teas to dress down day and pamper helping to raise around £2,500.

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Same-sex marriage
is trendy right now

NOW and then we get photos in the paper of couples celebrating their golden wedding, and some even married for 60 years – how quaint and old fashioned.

These days they spend thousands getting married but half end in divorce after a few years and a whole lot more just live together. The trendy thing now, of course, is to get married to someone of the same sex. Lawyers are now saying that if same sex marriage becomes lawful, adultery will no longer be grounds for divorce.

Someone asked Jesus what he thought about divorce, he said it should only be permitted when one partner commits adultery.

God hates adultery and he hates divorce.
RON JONES
Oswestry

Snowfall
brought
back 1963
memories

THE recent bad weather has brought memories back of the big freeze which happened in 1963.

At that time I was a 15-year-old farm worker, living in Beech Grove, Ellesmere, and working at the Lower Stocks Farm which is situated in an area between Ellesmere, Welshampton and Penley.

On the day the first snow came, I was cycling along the road towards the 'Cripps' which runs alongside the mere.

As I approached the rise in the road, just before the hump-back railway bridge, I ran into a wall of snow which was at a level with the top of the hedgerow. There was only one thing for it, to get myself to work on foot. This was no easy task as, every few feet along, I would sink up to my waist in the snow.

Eventually I arrived at the farm, helped with the milking, had breakfast and then, together with the farmer Mr Edwards, loaded the milk churns on to a tractor and trailer and made our way across country back to Ellesmere to deliver the milk load to the United Dairies.

This journey took several hours to complete as it was necessary to remove fences at various places along the way. I also remember, together with a few foolhardy pals walking across the Mere, at one stage.

While we were a long way from the edge of the water, the ice let out several very loud cracks. This put the fear of God into us as we tried to 'tiptoe' our way to the safety of the side, never to attempt such a stunt again.

JOHN EVANS
Welshpool

Lighting up
isn't 'green'

IS this 'green'? I cannot envisage why Shropshire Council considers that it is good financial practice to spend £40,000 on floodlighting Shrewsbury Station at a time when there is very limited funding for essential services.

The station is already attractive, and being floodlit would hardly attract additional visitors.

In addition, the council believes that it has a green environmental policy but it is surely not 'green' to use unnecessary energy.

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NEWS
in brief**Group in plea for council tax freeze**

A GROUP representing town and community councils in Mid Wales has asked for a freeze on council tax.

One Voice Wales said it has written to Jeremy Patterson, chief executive of Powys County Council, and Councillor David Jones the council leader.

But the council plans to raise council tax by 2.75 per cent as it has received the lowest budget settlement in Wales from the Welsh Assembly.

The budget will be considered in full in late February.

Supplements are stolen by raiders

BODY building supplements which were withdrawn from public consumption in 2011 have been stolen from a home in Welshpool.

Dyfed Powys Police said the theft happened in Foundry Lane. Spokeswoman Sharon Reynolds said: "Stolen during the burglary was a quantity of Jack 3D Body building supplement, withdrawn from public consumption in 2011."

Police surgeries

POLICE are holding three surgeries on February 8 – at the Spar, Guilsfield from 10am to 10.45am, Ashfield Stores, Llany mynech between 11am and 11.45am and near Lewis's Garage, Llan drinio from noon to 12.45pm.

Dozen arrests in party probe

A POLICE investigation into violent disorder which broke out at a house party in Maesbrook, near Oswestry, last November, has resulted in 12 young men from the Welshpool area being arrested.

Eleven have been arrested on suspicion of committing violent disorder at the address on November 14 last year. Another has been arrested on suspicion of assault, causing grievous bodily harm.

They are aged from 17 to 21 and mainly live in the Welshpool area. All have been given police bail with conditions while inquiries continue. Further arrests have not been ruled

by **Graham Breeze**

Back to the 80s at town hall

WELSHPOOL Town Hall is set to be transported back in time when Rainbow Records stage an 80s themed 'Party Nite'.

Tickets have just gone on sale for the event on Saturday, February 23, which will feature all the big hits from the 1980s. You can expect music from the likes of Bon Jovi, Kylie, Tina Turner and Belinda Carlisle.

While fancy dress is optional there will be a prize for the best dressed dancer from the era.

Promoter Mike Breeze said: "I am looking for party people who will dance all night and relive those great musical memories from a great decade of music."

Party tickets are on sale at £50 for groups of 10 or individual tickets are £10 each from Rainbow Records in Welshpool Market Hall. Doors open at 7pm for an 8pm start.

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out by West Mercia Police.

Police Constable Royston Alderwick, the investigating officer based at Oswestry, said: "As a result of extensive inquiries, a total of 12 people have been arrested in connection with this incident."

"The investigation is continuing and I appeal to anyone who was present at the time and witnessed any part of the disorder to contact me at Oswestry police station on 0300 333 3000."

"A number of people have already come forward with helpful information but there may be others who can help who we have not yet spoken to."

Constable Alderwick said about 50 people were invited to the party. Trouble broke out when a group of uninvited young men arrived between 10pm and 10.30pm.

They assaulted a number of people before driving off. At least 10 people suffered injuries, some requiring hospital treatment.

He added: "The people who arrived uninvited caused serious disorder, assaulting some of the partygoers. The victims suffered various injuries, including broken jaws, a perforated ear drum, cuts which required stitching and bruising."

"A number of cars were damaged and extensive damage caused to the house, in running into thousands of pounds in total."

Information can also be given to the anonymous Crimestoppers charity on 0800 555 111.

Counselling sessions on offer



FREE counselling sessions are being held at the Ponthafren Centre in Welshpool. The sessions take place on Wednesdays from 5-9pm with Tracey Fletcher, on Tuesday, from 11am-2pm, with Susan Millington and every Sunday from 11am-2.30pm, with Annie Semple. Please contact Kevin, Carrie or Hannah for further information or to request an appointment on (01938) 552770. Member Diane Hart is seen promoting the sessions. Picture: Peter Flemmich.

Cabinet agrees to increase rent rate

COUNCIL house rents in the Welshpool area will increase by 3.68% from April in-line with Welsh Government recommendations, Powys County Council's Cabinet has agreed.

The increase, which will be implemented at the start of the month, will maintain services and help fund investment needed to bring the council's housing stock up to the Welsh Quality Housing Standard.

Cabinet member for housing, Councillor Rosemarie Harris said: "The rent increase, £2.60 per week, is being recommended by Welsh Government and is the minimum the authority could set without financial penalty. If we set a lower rate we would lose out on the level of subsidy it receives from Welsh Government."

"The increase will allow the council protect housing maintenance services and fund the borrowing necessary to bring our council house stock up to the Welsh Quality Housing Standard."

"Powys has already set out investment plans worth more than £50m in its medium term financial plan through to 2015/16 that will be used to address housing quality standards."

"There will be no increase in the level of county council garage rents until there council has reviewed management strategy plans."

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Sherlock society in Welsh version bid

by Graham Breeze

A WELSHPOOL group of Sherlock Holmes enthusiasts needs help to make Welsh the 99th language that the works of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle has been translated into.

Welshpool is home to Wales's first Deerstalkers Society, a global network set up in honour of Holmes who has enjoyed a massive comeback through the successful BBC television series and the Guy Richie films, starring Robert Downey Jr.

The Holmes stories have been translated into 98 languages but not into Welsh but translation costs are being hampered by a lack of cash.

Publish

"The Deerstalkers of Welshpool have decided to remedy that situation and publish one of Holmes stories, The Speckled Band, in Welsh," said the group's founder Roy Upton-Holder.

"Unfortunately, we do not have the financial resources, the estimated cost will be in excess of £1,000, to complete the project and so are appealing for donations.

"The donors' names will be printed, if they so wish, in the preface of the book, and any amount, however small will be greatly appreciated."

Cheques should be made payable to The Deerstalkers of Welshpool and sent to The Treasurer, Sherlock Holmes Society, "Marcella", Salop Road, Welshpool, SY21 7ET.

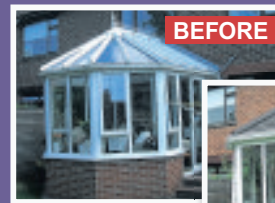
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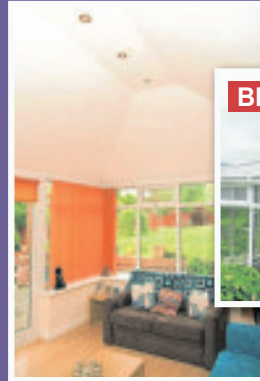
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Charity appeals for unwanted clothing

PEOPLE in Oswestry are being urged to clear out their cupboards, drawers and wardrobes and donate any unwanted quality clothing to the Barnardo's shop in the town.

Staff based in the shop, in Cross Street also need books, CDs and DVDs which are displayed for sale in a dedicated first floor section.

Amanda Jayne Smith, retail manager for Barnardo's, said: "It's a good time of year to clear out your cupboards and we'd love to receive unwanted items that are in a good condition."

"Our Oswestry shop has a

popular first floor area dedicated to films, books and music and we're always looking for donations to keep stocked up.

"We are also appealing to local people who may have a few spare hours to volunteer to help in the shop."

Donations of clothing, equipment and toys can be dropped off at any time.

Anyone who can help should contact the Oswestry store manager Claire Macmillan on 01691 670374.

Barnardo's works with more than 200,000 children, young people and their families each year.

A DECISION on whether a model aircraft club should be able to fly planes in a field near Oswestry is likely to be delayed after the applicants claimed they may have to resubmit their plans.

Members of Oswestry and District Model Flying Club say they may have to revise their plans after Shropshire Council asked for clarification.

But the members say even if their application is turned down, they are 'positive' they will win their case on appeal.

Shropshire Council had hoped to determine by the end of this month the group's planning application to be allowed to fly their aircraft from a

by Graham Breeze

farmer's field in Maesbury throughout the year.

But group chairman Mervyn Davies said the decision would have to be put back. He said: "The council planners say the first application is not right."

"One thing they say is that the trailer we use is not located in the right place on the plans."

"Another thing is a question about the location of the car park we use."

He said he would re-apply if he had to and was waiting for paperwork to come through.

Mr Davies said if the council refused permission he would appeal to a planning inspector.

The club had to appeal for permis-

sion to fly after it was refused approval by the now defunct Oswestry Borough Council in 2006 over noise concerns.

That permission ran out after two years and since then the club has been using a planning rule which allows them to fly models for 28 days a year.

Club members say having a 365-day permit would boost membership.

Mr Davies said: "Whatever the council decides, I still think we will eventually get the permission."

"If they turn it down we will appeal to the inspector. We won the last time and I am positive we will win again because nothing has changed."

Objectors say the noise from the aircraft is a nuisance.

Shropshire Council spokeswoman Laura Owen said the authority had asked Mr Davies for more information.

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Delay stalls model aircraft plan

Welsh art on display



A new exhibition is being shown at Powysland Museum in Welshpool, called 'Oil Paintings in Montgomeryshire Museum Collections'. Chris Jones, from the museum, displays some of the exhibits. *Picture: Peter Flemmich.*

OIL paintings from around Mid Wales have gone on show at a new exhibition in Welshpool.

The exhibition, which is being held at the Powysland Museum, shows the social history of Welshpool and Newtown through art work created in the county.

Eva Bredsdorff, museum curator, said the exhibition would run until March 9 and was part of a national event.

She said: "The UK holds in its galleries and civic buildings over 200,000 oil paintings spanning 600 years of art history – arguably the greatest national collection of its kind in the world."

"However, 80 per cent of these works are in storage or held behind closed doors. But through a joint effort by the BBC, The Public Catalogue Foundation and 2,800 organisations that hold the paintings, the collection is now available online for everyone to enjoy."

"In February, the BBC will be celebrating a 'Your Paintings' event with activities across the UK. Powysland Museum and Newtown Textile Museum, which both have items included in the Your Paintings Project, are taking part in this with a temporary exhibition of oil paintings from the two collections, which gives the museums an opportunity to show them for the enjoyment and interest of visitors."

Sailing club gets Olympic funding

A SAILING club has been given more than £30,000 to improve safety and build new launching jetties.

Colemere Sailing Club, near Ellesmere, has been handed the Olympic legacy funding from Sport England.

The money will also be used to buy a new rescue boat. Commodore of the club, Hugh Farrington, said it was a huge boost.

He said: "We are delighted to have secured this investment, which means we can upgrade the quality of our launching facilities and rescue boat to meet the needs of our sailors."

"It will bring our safety

cover to the high standards required and complement our wonderful 19th century clubhouse. It is the cornerstone of our strategy to have an outstanding club for the 2012 Olympics' legacy."

The award was welcomed by Owen Paterson, MP for north Shropshire and Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

He said: "I was delighted to hear the Colemere Sailing Club has received a grant of £31,000. This is great news for existing members of the club and for all those who will join as a result of the improvement works."

Easter trail fun for young

AN Easter trail will be created in a village near Oswestry to help raise money for its school.

Friends of West Felton School have organised the festive event, which will take place on March 23 at 11.30am until 3pm. The trail starts at Pradoc Church in the village and people taking part can buy a map for £2.

Each person who completes and returns the map will get a full-sized Easter egg.

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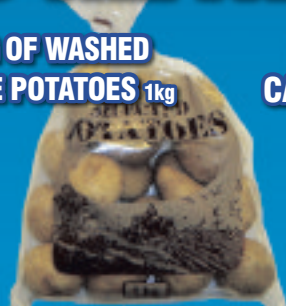
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in brief

Groups urged to apply for money

GROUPS based in villages around Oswestry are being reminded that time is running out for them to apply for funding from their local joint committee.

Organisations in Whittington, West Felton, Hordley, Ruyton-XI-Towns and Baschurch parish areas can apply for funding from the Five Perry Parishes Local Joint Committee.

The committee has a budget of £14,000 for community and voluntary groups to bid into for projects that look to benefit the local community.

The next round of funding will be awarded at the group's meeting on March 21 at Hordley Village Hall. Applications must be received by February 15.

Age UK to host pampering night

EIGHTY women will get together at a home for older people for a night of PJs and pampering.

The Ladies Night In on April 5 has been organised by Age UK North Shropshire. It will be held at New Fairholme in Shrewsbury Road, Oswestry, just a few days before the Coverage Care home opens to its residents.

The event will include a buffet supper, a mini cinema and a pamper area.

Tickets, £25, including bed and breakfast, can be bought on 07789 415242.

Campaigners win battle for a cafe at new leisure centre

OSWESTRY'S £8 million Leisure Centre has finally been given a cafe after a long campaign by its users.

When Shropshire Council built the new centre in Shrewsbury Road they decided to give it a vending machine instead of a kitchen. But centre users said the cafe was an important part of the previous leisure centre and they wanted its replacement to have one, too.

Management of the leisure centre has since passed from Shropshire Council to the Shropshire Community Leisure Trust, which decided to invest in a kitchen. This has allowed a new cafe to open serving a full range of Costa coffee drinks and snacks.

by Graham Breeze

Arty spin-off from project

A HIGHLY successful tools for Africa project is to have a spin-off for art lovers in a town in Shropshire.

The Borderland Rotary Club, from Oswestry, sent donated tools of all kinds to Africa help young people learning a trade set themselves up in carpentry, plastering and other businesses.

Those that couldn't be sent will be turned into a sculpture by master blacksmith, Chris Stokes to be exhibited in the town.

Mike Lade, from the Rotary Club, said the project had been hugely successful. Tools had been put together to make up kits to give to those starting out in their careers.

"For instance, a young man might be given a carpentry kit so that he can start up a business and help support his family. Someone might become a cobbler or even a car mechanic," he said.

"There were tools, however, that could not be sent as part of the project and we didn't want to just throw these away."

Shropshire Councillor Steve Charmley said: "A cafe has been in the pipeline for a while. I am very pleased that it is now in place. There was a lot of controversy when the old one closed. The finances didn't stack up for the council to invest in a kitchen."

"Shropshire Leisure, which is running the centre, has identified it as an income stream and has invested in putting a kitchen in."

Oswestry Leisure Centre has already undergone a refurbishment of its fitness suite, including the creation of a 75-station fitness space and a shopping area.

On August 1, 2012, Shropshire Council appointed Shropshire Community Leisure Trust (SCLT), working with managing agent Serco Leisure, to run the site.

Under the contract with SCLT, Serco provides management services to five leisure centres across the county: Market Drayton Swimming Centre, Oswestry Leisure Centre, Shrewsbury Sports Village and Indoor Bowls Hall, Whitechurch Swimming Centre and the Quarry Fitness and Swimming Centre in Shrewsbury.

The 10-year contract has already seen £1.2 million investment across the sites.

Brian Taylor, chairman of SCLT, said: "So much progress has been made since SCLT were appointed to manage the centres, including the investment into the fitness suites at Oswestry, Market Drayton and Shrewsbury Sports Village."

Mountain trek for cancer cause



Kathryn Price gets in some training for her forthcoming charity walk up Kilimanjaro. Picture: Peter Flemmich.

A WOMAN has vowed to climb the highest mountain in Africa after discovering her dad has been diagnosed with cancer.

Kathryn Price, 41, from Ruyton-XI-Towns, wants to climb Mount Kilimanjaro on March 14 to raise cash for charity Orchid.

The charity works to fund research into all three male specific cancers as well as helps to raise awareness.

Ms Price said she wants to complete the challenge to raise £1,000.

She said: "This challenge was spurred on after I discovered my dad had been diagnosed with prostate cancer in March 2011."

"It was a bit of a shock for us as he didn't tell us for a while."

"He is responding well to treatment thankfully but it has made us, as a family, more aware of how little is known and how important it is to raise awareness."

She is now in full training for the event and takes part in exercise six times a week.

In order to sponsor Ms Price visit www.justgiving/Kath-Price

Families needing extra pair of hands

A CHARITY which supports families with young children in Shropshire is appealing for new volunteers.

The north Shropshire and Oswestry branch of Homestart is looking for helpers to offer practical and emotional support in the home.

Volunteers visit on a weekly basis to assist families experiencing difficulties.

Scheme manager Elaine Griffiths said: "You would not be an unpaid child minder or home help but a valued friend at a time when families need that bit of extra support."

"An extra pair of hands or a listening ear can make all the difference to families experiencing difficulties, for example multiple births."

"There are always families looking for help and support."

"We need caring, understanding people with parenting experience who have a few hours each week to spare."

Mrs Griffiths added full training would be provided with a course set to start on Thursday. The session runs from 10am until 2pm in the Amica Centre, in Church Street, Ightfield, near Whitchurch.

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He was joined by wife Janet and since then by both of their children, Tori and Dave making the business a real family affair.

Along with their butcher Ray, they can be regularly seen at local farmers' markets; Shrewsbury on the first Friday of each month, Welshpool on the first Saturday and Oswestry on the last Friday, as well as many of the local food festivals.

Delivery

Their delicious sausages and bacon can be bought in local shops from Llanidloes to Warrington and from Mold to Shrewsbury, and with free home delivery within this area online shopping from their website, jamiewardsfreerangepork.co.uk, is becoming more popular.

Indeed, with the introduction of youth into the business, you can follow them on their facebook page, or via twitter @ward-spork.

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Surge in popularity of playing lacrosse

IT was once the sport of the rich but lacrosse has become more popular at school and adult level.

Now the English Lacrosse Association has launched the first community lacrosse club in Shropshire at a school near Oswestry.

The club is based at the Moreton Hall, near Oswestry, a school crowned lacrosse champion of the north late last year, and that has eight students in national lacrosse teams.

The Shropshire Lacrosse Club is aimed at all women and girls aged 13 or over who want to give lacrosse a go or get back into the sport.

"Lacrosse is said to be the fastest game on two legs - it's a very exciting competitive sport", English Lacrosse Association's Taryn Abbassian said.

Taryn, whose base is at Moreton Hall, said: "We are seeing a tremendous interest in women's lacrosse in England and are very keen to get as many people as possible into the sport in Shropshire."

The club holds two training sessions every Wednesday evening, at 6.30pm to 7.30pm for 13 to 17-year-olds and from 7.30pm to 8.30pm for those aged over 18.

For further details please contact Taryn Abbassian on abbassiant@moretonhall.com

Concern raised over changes to out-of-hours health care

EVERY patient in Shropshire should be worried about the impending change to the county's health hotline service, an Oswestry councillor has warned.

Oswestry town councillor Paul Milner, a member of Shropshire Patients Group, says he fears the introduction of the new 111 NHS service next month could see vulnerable people 'slipping through' the NHS care net.

Every GP in Oswestry has criticised how the new set up, which will see non-medically trained staff take calls from people with health concerns.

by Graham Breeze

Sewer system work outlined

EXPLORATORY work to pave the way for a £1 million sewer improvement scheme in a village near Oswestry will start this month, water bosses have revealed.

The work by Welsh Water will bring an end to a 25-year battle by St Martins residents for improvements to their sewer system.

The village has been plagued with problems for a generations including flooding, blocked toilets and overflowing sewerage.

Campaigners were delighted to be told at a public meeting last week that a £1 million investment plan had been agreed by Welsh Water. The firm's North Wales sewerage manager Andrew Wild has outlined the works programme.

He said: "Welsh Water has worked hard in recent months to identify a solution to the historic sewer flooding problems in St Martins. We aim to invest around £1 million in the village to help reduce the risk of future flooding."

Oswestry Town Council is to hold a public meeting to put the GPs' concerns to 111 service bosses and has also written to health secretary Jeremy Hunt and North Shropshire MP Owen Paterson.

Councillor Milner said: "My main concern, and it is shared by the GPs in Oswestry, is that people who have no medical training will be answering the calls."

"They will be using a computer programme checklist to decide what treatment a patient might need."

Vulnerable

"Every patient in Shropshire should be worried about this. If patients are not speaking to medically trained people, the danger is people will fall through the net. Elderly, vulnerable people who can't say what's wrong with them and their answers don't fit the checklist could be at risk."

In response to the fears, Dr Caron Morton from the Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group, said: "We recognise the excellent work Shropdoc carries out locally, and would like to stress that the Shropdoc out of hours service will still continue."

"By phoning 111 patients will be directed to the right service for their needs."

"If a patient is assessed as needing GP advice, they will be passed to Shropdoc and it will be the same clinicians as now that will treat people. Importantly, Shropdoc will have information on the 111 call to minimise patients needing to repeat details."

Pupils are on the right track



Oswestry School pupils with the Bikeability awards.

YOUNGSTERS gave up some of their holidays to make sure they are safe in the saddle by taking part in a cycling proficiency programme.

The Year 6 pupils from Oswestry School took part in Shropshire Council's level one and two Bikeability training sessions.

School spokeswoman Suzanne Bellis said: "Bikeability is cycle proficiency for the 21st century, providing Year 6 children with the

skills and confidence to ride in today's traffic conditions."

"It also teaches a sense of conduct and understanding of road markings, signs and hazards."

Certificates and badges for each level were awarded to the pupils who successfully completed each course and those who took part were encouraged to try and achieve all three levels of Bikeability.

College is hosting a talk by journalist

WALFORD and North Shropshire College is backing Oswestry's literary festival by hosting an event.

The college, in Shrewsbury Road, will be inviting staff and students to the town campus to meet Ian Herbert, northern football correspondent for The Independent newspaper.

A former A-level student at the Oswestry campus, he has interviewed many of the top names in football and also works at BBC Breakfast. On March 14 will be talking about his university route into journalism.

Christine Whittingham, learning resources manager at the college, said: "We are delighted to be involved in the festival and we're looking forward to getting the students involved in this community event."

Mr Herbert will also give a talk at the Oswestry Library called Voices from the Touchline.

For details on college courses visit www.wnsc.ac.uk or call (01691) 688000.

Coffee morning

A COFFEE morning will be held in West Felton next week. It will take place at West Felton Methodist Chapel on February 14 from 10am to 12pm. There will also be a raffle sales table.

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Glowing report given by school inspectors



Pupils from Moreton First Steps, which was classed as 'outstanding' in an inspection.

THE last two Early Years ISI inspections have declared Moreton First Infants and its nursery, First Steps, to be outstanding where children are 'guided sensitively along their own unique path of learning.'

But how does 'outstanding' really look when walking around the school. "There is a stimulating, well-resourced environment, both inside and outdoors," says the ISI inspectors' report.

Set in 120 acres of grounds all Moreton First pupils enjoy safe yet adventurous play. In the designated Forest

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School site they develop explorative skills, getting muddy is part of learning here.

Quiet areas allow the children to experience calm. These areas, both indoors and outside, have been developed with careful consideration of the needs of the children.

Each nursery and infant room boasts a well-equipped role play area, chosen by the children themselves as a place to interact with others and develop their own games.

"Children carefully build their confidence at every stage," says the report. From the youngest age children are

encouraged to develop their confidence. Small class sizes ensure ample individual attention in academic subjects which is further enhanced in drama, singing and music lessons for all.

From age three all children take part in musical productions and informal concerts.

The favourite lesson in Year 1 is Food Technology... baking is fun!

"They take a keen interest in the many visitors who are welcomed into the setting to share experiences of different cultures, backgrounds and interests," says the report.

Each day there are additional activities catering for a variety of interests.

Next phase of college's sports project kicks off

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WORK is about to start on the next phase of Walford and North Shropshire College's sports capital strategy for the Oswestry Campus.

Planning consent has now been confirmed for the new training pitch and floodlights for the multi-use games area, with contractors ready to start work by the end of the month.

This further investment of £100,000 will bring on-stream a full suite of outdoor sports facilities for the growing intake of sports students.

Andrew Tyley, college principal, is looking forward to completion of the project by early summer: "We already have strong interest in our full-time sports courses for this September and by then we will be able to see the full range of facilities in use."

"The college has seen a 20 per cent increase in sports students over the past three years, with the successful launch of a new foundation degree in sport validated by Staffordshire University."

"The latest capital investment follows the appointment of Benji Evans as college sport maker. One of Benji's roles is to promote participation in sport and maximise use of the college's sports facilities."

With the introduction of floodlights to the new MUGA, the college is actively seeking interest from local clubs looking for training facilities, particularly on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the college's sport outreach initiatives should contact Benji on 01691 688073 or benji.evans@wnsc.ac.uk.

Anyone interested in pursuing a full-time course in sport should attend the Oswestry Campus Open Event on Thursday, February 14.

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Scott Quigley, of The New Saints Football Club Academy, who are attached to Walford College.

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Castle to welcome snowdrop strollers

CHIRK Castle's popular snowdrop walks will take place this month.

The walks allow visitors to stroll through the castle's snowdrop covered gardens.

Joanne Thompson, assistant visitor services manager at the castle, said: "Warm up after your bracing walk with a hot drink and piece of home baked cake, or perhaps a steaming bowl of soup in the castle's tearoom."

"Take the opportunity to meet Will the Archer or one of the other castle guards and discover more about medieval life at Chirk Castle. Our Snowdrop Walks are always very popular – sometimes one of the busiest events of the year."

The Snowdrop Walks are available throughout February. They run from 10am to 4pm and the cost is free to National Trust members while other adults pay £5.25 and children £2.63.

The event is subject to suitable weather. Call the castle on (01691) 777701.

Food donation

A SPECIAL collection at the Tesco store in Ellesmere recently saw shoppers donate a shopping trolley full of food for the Oswestry Food Bank. The Trussell Trust, which overseas the food bank, received contributions which together weighed 960 kilos or 2,100 pounds.

Praise for youngsters after eco-projects win top honour

YOUNGSTERS have been given a community award after being recognised for doing their bit for the environment.

Students from The Marches School, in Morda Road, said they were delighted to be given the National Community Education Award in association with the Police Community Clubs of Great Britain for their eco-projects work.

by Graham Breeze

Museum joins race for award

VOLUNTEERS at museum in Oswestry hope being nominated for a New York award will boost visitor numbers.

The museum, based in the top floor of The Guildhall, on Bailey Head, was officially opened last year and has so far attracted more than 5,000 visitors.

It has now been nominated for a Shorley Award.

David Adams, a trustee of the museum, said the awards were run online and that voting is carried out via the social networking site Twitter.

He said voting for awards started on January 9 and will close on February 8.

Mr Adams said: "We have had three votes so far, and the top museum has had 25 votes."

The Museum is open on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am until 4pm and Saturdays from 10am until 3.30pm.

For more information visit its facebook page or <http://oswestrytownmuseum.co.uk>

The award was for the work they did when they were pupils at Our Lady and St Oswald's Catholic Primary School, in Upper Brook Street.

Kathleen Ryan-Row, Max Oakley, Daniel Hare and Finley Kara were all key members of the school's Eco-Club and completed a number of challenging projects there.

Funding

Projects included building an outdoor shelter at the school using waste pipes (which were donated by Severn Trent) and old waste tyres. They were also given funding by The Project Group to make bags out of items they collected when they visited a landfill site.

Other projects included using old take-away plastic containers to make decorated boxes and turning old, broken glass into plates.

The youngsters' group was called Hug the World.

They were put forward for the award by their former teacher Amanda Patterson.



From left: Mrs Amanda Patterson; Andrew Davies of the Community Education Awards, making the presentation; club chair Kathleen Ryan-Rowe (Year 7); and Mrs Ruth Ryan.

And the competition was tough.

They were up against 264 schools nationally in the Environment category.

Mrs Patterson said: "This is a National Community Award, judged by Esther Rantzen, and the students' work was the chosen winner for the Recycling and Eco Category."

"Students were delighted to

return to their former primary school to receive their certificates and trophies during a celebratory assembly."

Trophy

The four Marches students returned to their former primary school to receive a trophy, presented by Andrew Davies of the Community Education Awards, during a cele-

bratory whole school assembly. Students also received a signed letter from Esther Rantzen CBE, in which she said: "The diverse projects and inspirational stories are a fantastic tribute to the education sector in Britain."

"And I am proud to see that the future looks bright for the young people of Britain."

Patients invited to take part in survey

AN online survey for users of sexual health services in Powys aims to help make improvements to the services provided.

Sexual health is an important issue and it is essential that the services provided are right for those that need them.

Sexual health services are provided at both GUM clinics and GP practices.

Over the last few years, Powys teaching Health Board has made changes to these services, and there is more to be done.

This survey aims to collect the opinions of those that have used these services to ensure that further improvements can be made.

If you have ever used a sexual health service in Powys, or visited your GP with a sexual health related issue, they want to hear from you. Visit <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CXPC32F> or www.facebook.com/PowysHB

Ivy gives talk at meeting of club

MEMBERS of Llanfair Caereinion Homely Club enjoyed a talk from local resident Ivy Evans at their January meeting.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday in the Institute, Bridge Street, at 2pm.

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Octavia is big player in the evolution of Skoda



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If you want to know how important the new Octavia is to Skoda's continuing growth you needed to see the small army of people spending a month in the Portuguese sun.

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By Ian Donaldson

several thousand kilometres from their native Czech Republic to the guaranteed frost-free climes of southern Portugal, to chauffeur writers from airport to hotel for their one-night stays.

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Skoda's ambitious plans for the years ahead would derail if Octavia sales softened.

So it's no surprise that Octavia mark three, which reaches the UK on March 16, is no mould breaker. Its simply bigger, bolder and better than before; moving the game on without upsetting potential purchasers with anything too radical.

It's based on the same new, and wildly expensive to develop, underpinning seen in the latest VW Golf (and new Audis and Seats too) and comes with a series of petrol and diesel engines aimed at stretching visits to the pumps and cutting nasties from the exhaust, to the benefit of the environment and an owner's wallet.

The new Octavia is 90mm (3.5in) longer than before but, crucially the distance between front and rear wheels is stretched 108mm (4.2in), with the extra space given to rear seat legroom and an ever bigger boot.

The old Octavia is a hit in China, where they like room in the rear. They're going to love the new one, as are UK taxi firms and families with teenage children and masses of luggage.

Skoda long ago stopped fighting for the cheaper end of the car market, concentrating instead on value (the M&S philosophy, you could say) and must have decided there's a big enough jump in quality and design to stand a significant price rise.

That means the new range starts at £15,990 for a 1.2-litre petrol model, a stiff £2,605 rise on before. The car on test, a 1.6 diesel in mid-level SE trim and a likely big seller, has risen £1,740 to £19,240, with the new range-topping 2.0 diesel automatic up a more modest £785 to £23,240.

Skoda says the entry-level new car has £3,500



The new Skoda Octavia, which arrives in the UK on March 16

of extra equipment as standard, including alloy wheels, DAB radio, extra airbags, remote central locking, touchscreen for the sound system and an eco-boosting stop/start system.

Octavia estates have always been popular and a version is mere months away. Later in the year we'll see the go-faster vRS model make its appearance, promising to be the fastest Octavia yet.

The most economical Octavia yet, also arrives in 2013, with a GreenLine model.

On the near deserted Portuguese roads the new Octavia comes over as a more sophisticated version of the old car, with a surprising amount of added space, especially in the back, where a six-

footer can comfortably sit behind his identical twin brother at the wheel.

The 1.6 litre, 103bhp diesel pulls well and will prove more economical than the 1.4 petrol model, which delighted a keen driver by feeling lighter on its toes; almost sporty in its eager responses. It is £860 less than the diesel too.

Lots of Octavias will end up as company cars, where the diesel's economy (71.6mpg is the official, but highly unlikely average) is going to make it much more popular than the petrol model.

The fact that the diesel also shrugs off the London congestion charge and laughs in the face of road tax, will clinch the deal.



Prices for the new Octavia range from £15,990 to £23,240

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Fiat 500 now Streets ahead

IT'S small, funky and very different but Fiat's 500 goes from strength to strength with the arrival of the sporty and lavishly equipped new version, the 500 Street.

Fiat have targeted the sports-minded customer who wants all the style, economy and comfort of the popular Fiat 500 city car but with a striking new look.

The Street comes equipped with dark tinted windows, alloy wheels and satin chrome finished mouldings, handles and door mirrors.

Available in a choice of five colours: Bossa Nova White, Pasodoble Red, Crossover Black, Electroclash Grey or Matt Black the Street is powered by the 1.2-litre petrol, award-winning 0.9-litre TwinAir or the potent 1.3-litre MultiJet 2 diesel engine.

The car gets £1,800 worth of extra equipment including air conditioning, sports seats, 16in alloy wheels, Blue&Me infotainment, leather steering wheel with radio controls, and rear spoiler.

It comes as no surprise that the 500 is at its best in town thanks to its small dimensions and easy steering. The model on test was fun to drive but handling not the best and the ride a little on the jittery side.

The 500 seems a solid buying proposition.

tion though. It is cheaper to buy than its rivals and its cute looks add to its desirability, meaning solid residual values. Most of the plastics and fabrics used in the interior fit with the retro image of the 500, and it looks great and feels sturdy enough.

The 500 is far from a simple, nostalgic interpretation of Dante Giacosa's iconic 500 of 1957 even though the new car's chic styling does boast visual clues from the past.

Taking a quantum leap forward in terms of safety, technology, comfort and equipment for this segment, it represents a company blueprint for the future.

Popular

This latest development comes on the back of the launch of the Colour Therapy. Positioned between the highly popular 500 Pop and Lounge specifications, the new Colour Therapy range is designed to bring back the spirit of the 1970s with a collection of vibrant colours and retro white detailing.

Available in both hatchback and convertible versions, and with 0.9-litre TwinAir and 1.2-litre petrol engines, the cars come in five special paint colours: New Age Cream, Country-politan Yellow, Pasodoble Red, Volare Blue, and Tech House Grey.

The mid-range Colour Therapy still gets air conditioning, special paint, white mirror covers, white wheel covers, a 'pool-ball' design gear knob and specific key cover as standard. It costs £800 more than the entry-level Pop, but adds more than £1000 worth of extra equipment.

The Colour Therapy range starts at £10,760 (OTR) for the 1.2 Colour Therapy, rising to £14,510 (OTR) for the 500C 0.9-litre Colour Therapy TwinAir.

With so much going on in Fiat-land it's little wonder that the city car was recently named among the Top 10 most depreciation-resistant cars in the UK.

The findings, from value experts Glass's Guide show the 100,000-plus UK selling supermini is seventh best among cars that lose their value the



Volare Blue is one of the colour schemes in Fiat's new Colour Therapy range, which echoes the spirit of the 70s



The leather steering wheel features radio controls



The Fiat 500's chic-styling harks back to the past

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Controller spells out strategy

A newly appointed sales controller has been talking of his plans for a Telford motor dealership.

John Cook, who has taken over the position at William A. Lewis Nissan on Stafford Park, said the sales team had set themselves some demanding goals and had every confidence they could take the dealership into the next phase of its development.

Maintain

"We fully intend to continue the popularity of the brand and maintain the high levels of service on which the franchise has built its reputation."

"The sales team will be driving forward the Nissan product and providing customers with the high standards of professionalism and support that have been the hallmark of this franchise."

John has been in the motor trade for 30 years, 10 of which have been spent with



Sales controller John Cook with Rob Brown and Chris Loynton

William A. Lewis Renault where he was for the past 12 months. He has strengthened the Nissan team at Telford with the

appointment of Chris Loynton who was 25 when he started in the industry six years ago.

Since joining the industry he has always worked with the Nissan product and at the William A. Lewis dealership will specialise in both new and used Nissan vehicles.

"I am delighted to be joining the Nissan sales team in Telford and contributing my experience and knowledge of the product," said Chris.

Fulfil

A third appointment, which John says will also help him fulfil his plans for the dealership, is Rob Brown to a new role of group Motability specialist.

He has spent 10 years in the motor trade, six of them with William A. Lewis Nissan where he is Motability accredited.

As the group Motability specialist, he has overall responsibility for all existing and new Motability applications for the Nissan, Toyota, Volvo and Renault brands.



Rob Brown has taken up the role of William A. Lewis group Motability specialist

Taking up new post

A newly appointed group Motability specialist says that in the current climate the scheme is 'growing in importance.'

Rob Brown has taken up the new position with William A. Lewis Cars for their Nissan, Toyota, Volvo and Renault franchises.

He said Motability had more than 600,000 cars on the road in the UK, making it the biggest provider of vehicles in Europe.

"Ever since I came into the market as a Motability specialist the number has been growing year on year," said Rob who has been with William A. Lewis Nissan for six of his 10 years in the motor trade.

Huge

"It has always been a very pleasant experience for people to come into a dealership and look at the variety of cars available on the scheme. There is a huge range of vehicles and I have the added advantage of accessing the Motability vehicles of four franchises."

He said many in the range of cars on the Motability scheme were available on nil advance payment and that it had 'surprised' customers of his own Telford-based dealership, William A. Lewis Nissan, that Juke was available at nil advance payment and Qashqai was as little as £49 advance payment.

He announced that the group was planning to introduce an incentive with the offer of £50 worth of free fuel on a Motability purchase and a fuel voucher on a referral.

Of his new appointment, he said it reflected the importance the group placed on Motability though he emphasised that each of the four franchises would still have trained personnel on site.

'Recession buster' at town dealership

It has already won a motoring magazine award as well as being talked about as a 'recession buster.'

The new Dacia Sandero, which starts at £5,995 on the road, is on show at William A. Lewis Renault dealerships in Telford and Shrewsbury.

"With its bargain starting price, three-year warranty and space for five adults, the Sandero is set to take the market by storm," said Ian Parkes, brand manager for William A. Lewis Renault which incorporates the Dacia franchise.

"It's the car for the people due to its fuss-free pricing. What you see is what you get. Dacia takes the view 'why

pay for what you don't need.' Dacia offers big car features at small car prices.

"At long last, the Sandero is the car the motoring public has been crying out for and 'What Car?' magazine has voted it 'Best Super Mini 2013.'"

Simple

"A split-folding rear seat and 320-litre boot space make transporting luggage simple. Electronic Stability Control, anti-lock brakes and four front airbags ensure safety as standard.

"So whether it's a trip to the local shops or a long motorway

haul, the Dacia Sandero will offer both comfort and safety."

He said Sandero featured a new state-of-the-art TCE petrol engine to provide exceptional fuel economy and emissions without compromising performance.

"Thanks to turbocharging technology," said Ian, "the TCE 90 produces an impressive 90 bhp from its 3 cylinder, 900cc engine, yet still achieves 54.3 mpg combined and CO₂ emissions of just 120g/km."

"Sandero is available for test drive and orders and is exclusively in our Renault showrooms in Shrewsbury and Telford."

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Popular Renault Clio is going Dutch with new look from car design guru

The award-winning new Clio is the first Renault brand to be designed by Dutchman Laurens van den Acker.

It is his new vision for Renault and has met with resounding acclaim by Shropshire's William A. Lewis Renault dealerships.

The Dutch designer's concept for the new Clio, with its distinguished front badge, has been enthusiastically welcomed by Ian Parkes, William A. Lewis Renault brand manager for Shrewsbury and Telford.

Ian said: "This completely different car is the first creation to come from the Dutch designer's studio. It is slightly lower and more squat than the old Clio.

"It is only available as a five door, but has the looks of a coupe. The new Clio has state-of-the-art Stop/Start engines in both diesel and new three-cylinder turbo petrol.

"The new petrol engine really does produce a startling performance and its consumption figures are comparable with those of significantly more expensive hybrid cars.

Highest

"The new Clio is EuroNCAP crash tested and has gained the highest amount of points in the new NCAP regulations. In addition, the car has a four-year warranty, four-year servicing, four-year breakdown cover and the option of a four-year finance package."

Renault says the Clio is the first model to feature the new design cues, the most notable of which is the prominently positioned logo, along with the emotion generated by its sensuous curves and refined lines.

The new Clio's appeal is further enhanced by its range of smaller engines that have given rise to fuel consumption savings. These savings are up to 20 per cent over their predecessors.

The most efficient engine in terms of low CO2 emissions is the turbocharged petrol Energy TCe 90 which returns fuel



Bags of style – the new-look Renault Clio



Ian Parkes admires the lines of the new Clio



The model ranks highly in EuroNCAP testing

consumption of 65.7 mpg and CO2 emissions of 99 g/km. With the diesel Energy dCi 90 eco2 under the bonnet, the new Clio has established a new fuel efficiency record for its class, with fuel consumption of 88.3mpg and 83g of CO2/km.

Thanks to its new architecture, suspension, extended wheelbase and wider track, the chassis of the new Clio continues to stand out as a benchmark in its segment. With a five-star EuroNCAP crash test rating to its name, it is also the benchmark in terms of passive safety. It obtained the best score in the small car class in three of the four parameters which are taken into account.

Another of the new Clio's compelling features is its in-dash multimedia system which sets a new standard in the model's segment.

The Media Nav system comes with a seven inch (18 cm)

touchscreen display and incorporates a 4x20-Watt audio system complete with the Bass Reflex System. In addition, comprehensive connectivity (Bluetooth, USB) which allows occupants to enjoy music stored on portable devices.

The new Clio has been named 'best small car' by Germany's best selling Sunday publication as well as the world's best selling car magazine. The numerous editions of the magazine have a total readership of 73 million – all of whom were invited to vote for their favourite model.

New Clio has scooped another international award in the form of the 2012 'Golden Steering Wheel'. Now in their 37th year, the 2012 Golden Steering Wheel awards attracted 44 entries divided into six categories.

In the MPV and coupe/cabriolet classes, the winners were decided directly by readers. In the four other categories, the final vote was preceded by an exhaustive road test of each

of the five finalists by a panel of personalities at the Balocco test facilities in Italy.

Drivers included Mattias Ekstrom, Hans-Joachim Stuck, Walter Rohrl, Christina Surer and Vanina Ickx who were joined by chief editors of European magazines. In addition, there were celebrities from the world of sport, including Franz Beckenbauer and Boris Becker.

Previous models to have secured the prize are the Fuego Coupe (1980), the compact Renault 9 (1981), Renault 25 (1984), Clio (1990), the second, third and fourth generation Espace (1991, 1997 and 2002), Renault 19 (1992), Scenic MPV (2009) and now New Clio (2012).

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The official consumption figures in mpg (l/100km) for the new Clio core range are: Urban 40.4 (7)–78.5 (3.6); Extra Urban 60.1 (4.7)–94.2 (3.0); Combined 51.4 (5.5)–88.3 (3.2). The official CO2 emissions for the range are 127–83g/km.

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Marvel at the live demonstrations

Rallying with Group B and the Historic Rally Car Register (HRCR) are joining forces to stage spectacular live demonstrations at this year's Donington Historic Festival (May 3-5), bringing added excitement to an already action-packed weekend.

Throughout the festival, Donington Park's Melbourne Loop will see the legendary Group B rally machines in action, a powerful reminder of the 1980s when Donington Park was an RAC Rally stage and Group B cars dominated the world of international rallying.

The Melbourne Loop will also see stage and road rally cars from the HRCR – including, it is hoped, several iconic ex-works cars from the 1950s and 1960s – tackle a mini stage-type course and autotest, showing just how nimble they can be, and demonstrating why historic rallying has become such a popular sport.

With its live action demonstrations, Rallying with Group B recreates the glory days of a short but significant era from rallying history. Introduced in 1982, Group B regulations resulted in outrageously fast performances from cars such as the Audi quattro, MG Metro 6R4, Ford RS200, Lancia 037, Porsche 911 RSR and Peugeot 205 T16.

Lightweight composite panels, four-wheel drive systems, complex turbo and super-

charging combined to produce cars which, with in excess of 600bhp at their command, could out-accelerate Formula One cars of the period on gravel.

However, in 1987, following a number of high-profile accidents and prominent driver deaths, Group B was banned, with enthusiasts' only chance to see the cars in action now restricted to demonstration events.

The Historic Rally Car Register celebrates its 30th anniversary at the festival. Initially founded to preserve genuine ex-works rally cars, the overwhelming response to its first-ever rally in 1983 marked the foundation of the international historic rallying movement.

Historic

HRCR members are providing a wide selection of historic rally cars to represent a full cross-section of all aspects of historic rallying at the festival.

This will include Mini Coopers – made famous when HRCR president Paddy Hopkirk took one to victory on the 1964 Monte Carlo Rally – and Sunbeam Tigers, linked with the Alpine Rallies of the mid 1960s. MGs and Austin Healeys will also take part, together with cars representing the long-distance events of the 1970s such as the Triumph 2000 and Austin 1800, plus Mk1 and 2 Ford Escorts, which now achieve major successes within the British Historic Rally Championship.

And, of course, with the festival's open paddock, spectators will be able to get a really good look at all the rally cars as well as

the more than 400 historic racing cars, spanning seven decades, which are due to compete at the event.

Donington Historic Festival organiser Duncan Wiltshire said: "We are thrilled that the two clubs are staging what promises to be an unforgettable spectacle for festival visitors, to complement the fantastic historic racing.

"The sight and sound of the Group B cars, all spitting flames and with whining turbos will be enormously exciting, while the HRCR displays will show spectators that the cars many of us remember from the roads of our youth are capable of considerably more than a trip up the motorway.

"I suspect more than a few of our visitors will go away vowing to give historic rallying a go for themselves!"

Advance ticket prices start at £12 for the Friday, £20 for Saturday or Sunday and just £36 for a three-day weekend ticket.

On-the-gate prices will be £15 for Friday, £25 for Saturday and Sunday and £45 for the three-day weekend.

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New special edition at Budgen showrooms



Citroen has launched the new DS3 Red special edition. It can be viewed at Budgen showrooms

The Citroen DS3 Red special edition is now on display at Budgen's Citroen showrooms in Telford (01952 621360) and Shrewsbury (01743 452900).0

This special edition has been brought out to showcase the personalisation available on this range.

Externally there's a Sport Red colour roof, door mirrors, front grille and bumper surround, with a Sport Red dashboard and door handle surrounds on the inside. The alloy wheels come in Perla Nera Black or Polar White, each with a Sport Red centre cap.

The DS3 Red special edition starts from £15,655, and until March 31, 2013, it's possible to get a deposit finance contribution from Citroen UK of up to £1,500*. All DS3s (model range starts at £12,850) offer great fuel economy and low CO₂ emissions, keeping running costs low. This also applies to the stunning DS3 Cabrio which is launched at the end of this month.

The new Peugeot RCZ has just arrived at Featherbed Lane, Shrewsbury (01743 452888) and has got to be one of the most attractive and best value sports coupes available in the UK.

General sales leader, Chris Symonds, said: "By updating the front face of the vehicle and upgrading the specification, Peugeot have made a fantastic car even more desirable. The fact that the RCZ starts at £21,595, combined with the finance deals currently available, means this car can be a surprisingly realistic and affordable option."

Exciting

Sarah Donlan, marketing manager, said: "It's always exciting when our manufacturer partners release new cars and special editions, but we have many other models of all sizes, and some incredible offers (including 0 per cent finance and generous deposit contributions) across all three brands. Whether you need an urban runaround (MiTo, C1 or 208) or a fam-

ily car (Guilietta, C3 Picasso or 3008) we can suggest the perfect vehicle to suit you, your needs and your budget."

Budgen Motors are also one of the county's biggest retailers of quality used cars with five sites spread between Shrewsbury and Telford, and at least 150 vehicles in stock at any time. Whilst the group specialises in used Peugeots, Citroens and Alfa Romeos, it also retains a selection of other makes and models, all of which have been prepared by their own technicians, in their own workshops.

Please call in to any of the Budgen Motors sites in Telford (Ketley) or Shrewsbury (Featherbed Lane and Battlefield), where staff will be happy to help you. Alternatively check www.budgenmotors.co.uk or email cars@budgenmotors.co.uk with the model you are interested in and your contact details and one of their sales team will get in touch with you.

*** Terms & conditions apply, please speak to our Citroen sales staff for more details.**

New SUV from Vauxhall is off to flying start at Greenhous

Greenhous is off to a flying start as sales of the new Vauxhall Mokka exceed expectations. The Shropshire-based car dealership has seen the demand for Vauxhall's first offering into the mini SUV market soar since its release last November.

Richard Potts, sales director at Greenhous, said Vauxhall's move into the sub-compact SUV

He said: "Although Vauxhall have been slightly late in entering this market, it is clear that the Mokka will be a huge success."

Popular

"The mini SUV market is becoming increasingly popular as customers are now looking for a reliable and sturdy vehicle that can withstand all conditions. Practicality is now the customer's main priority and the recent bad weather has only added to this."

Although it is practical, the Vauxhall Mokka certainly doesn't compromise on style and design. The rugged yet well proportioned vehicle has a broad and athletic feel that still looks at home in an urban environment. It is available in three trims – S, Exclusiv and SE with generous levels of standard equip-



The Mokka is Vauxhall's first venture into the mini SUV market

ment including DMB radio, air conditioning, Descent Control System, cruise control, aux-in and a multi-function trip computer.

The Mokka also comes in three engines, a diesel and two petrol versions. The diesel is a 1.7 CDTi 130PS engine with CO₂ emissions as low as 124g/km. The 1.6-litre petrol produces 115PS and 155Nm of torque, and with its standard Start/Stop system deliv-

ers a combined 43.5mpg. With 140PS, the 1.4-litre turbo is the Mokka's most powerful petrol engine and brings with it standard four-wheel drive and sub-150g CO₂ emissions.

Richard believes there are a number of reasons the Mokka is selling so well.

"The Mokka is the latest release from Vauxhall and is something completely different for the company. The customer is always keen to try the



The spacious and practical interior of the Mokka, a mini SUV

most up-to-date car on the market and standing out from the crowd is important – the Mokka enables just that.

"It is practical, versatile and great value for money, making it far more affordable than its competitors. The entry level price is only £16,995 and with a 0 per cent flexible finance offer and a lifetime warranty package, the Mokka is extremely desirable."

Richard continues: "Greenhous are

also offering the Mokka on a Motability scheme which enables people with the appropriate mobility allowance to lease a brand new car. We include a wide range of vehicles and specialist advice to ensure that disabled customers and their carers have the freedom to go where they want, when they want."

The Mokka is ideal for Motability as it's spacious and practical with easy

wheelchair access. Customers can choose from the Exclusiv and SE trim levels, both offering a range of engines that include a frugal 1.7-litre automatic diesel and the Start/Stop petrol engines. The Mokka Exclusiv 1.6i 16v VVT (115PS) is available on an advanced payment of just £949.

Richard also thinks the high sales are due to a successful sale event that took place at the beginning of this year.

"Greenhous started the year with a bang by receiving around 30 orders at each of the Shrewsbury and Telford sites in just one sale weekend."

Cautious

"This was great for us at such a tough time of year where customers are usually cautious after over-spending at Christmas. People were extremely interested in the Mokka with many placing orders that included an extra £500 discount that Vauxhall were offering over the event weekend."

"We are incredibly pleased with the success of the Mokka and the interest it has generated during the short time it has been released. We have two exciting new launches due in the next couple of months and these along with the Mokka should continue our successful start to the year."

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Celebrating two award wins in a row



David Buxton, general manager at Mercedes-Benz of Shrewsbury (right) and sales manager, Mark Winstanley with the awards

This month saw Birmingham's International Convention Centre host the 2012 national Mercedes-Benz Retailer of the Year awards ceremony. It was a highly successful evening for Mercedes-Benz of Shrewsbury's parent company, The Drayton Group, who won the prestigious Customer Service Team of the Year award – for a second year in a row.

Drayton Group director, Keith Caddick, was understandably delighted with the award: "Winning the award for a second year running demonstrates our commitment to giving our customers the highest levels of service, and this has doubtless helped to underpin the significant growth in volume we have seen across all aspects of our business over the last 12 months," he said.

David Buxton, general manager at The Drayton

Group's Shropshire retailer, Mercedes-Benz of Shrewsbury, said: "This award is especially pleasing as it is based on the views of our sales and service customers. We have the highest proportion of customers most likely to recommend us to friends and family across the entire UK Mercedes-Benz dealer network."

Deserved

He added: "This national recognition is fully deserved and a great credit to our hardworking team. To win a national award is a terrific performance. To win it two years in succession is a stellar achievement."

In addition to the Customer Service award, the Drayton Group was narrowly beaten into second place in the Service and Parts Team of the Year category. After-sales manager, Alec Tomkewycz was keen to stress the importance of building lasting relationships with customers: "Choosing your

Mercedes-Benz is just the start of the process. We want to look after our customers in all their dealings with us, and as a result, the majority of our customers stay with us for many years."

This year The Drayton Group celebrates 40 years as Mercedes-Benz dealers in The Midlands. Keith Caddick put the latest successes into a historical context: "These awards demonstrate that The Drayton Group's founding principle of giving excellent service to our customers in both sales and after-sales continues to this day."

2013 will also see the further new models across the range in what promises to be another busy and successful year for Mercedes-Benz of Shrewsbury.

● To experience the award-winning Customer Service, visit the Battlefield Road dealership or call 01743 600151. You can discover the latest special offers across the new and approved used car range at www.draytongroup.co.uk.

Exclusive 507 models more dynamic as output is boosted

The Mercedes C 63 AMG models are becoming even more dynamic: the AMG high-performance cars are being fitted with an AMG 6.3-litre V8 engine with increased output as exclusive "Edition 507" models.

The increase of 50hp now brings output to 507hp with a maximum torque of 610Nm, and is a result of a technology transfer from the SLS AMG: the eight-cylinder naturally aspirated engine from the super sports car features forged pistons, connecting rods and a lightweight crankshaft.

An AMG high-performance composite braking system with red brake callipers is fitted as standard. The C 63 AMG "Edition 507" is designed to appeal to ambitious drivers who take pleasure in top-class technology, as well as exclusive design and appointment details.

The C 63 AMG "Edition 507" produces 507hp, and accelerates from 0 to 62mph in 4.2 seconds in the guise of the saloon and coupé, and in 4.3 seconds as the estate. As such it outperforms the 457hp standard model by two tenths of a second, and the variants with the AMG Performance Package which produce 487hp by one tenth of a second each.

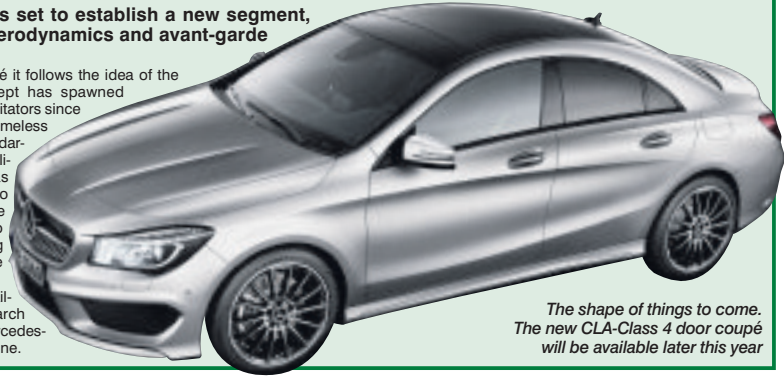
The top speed of all variants is 174mph (electronically limited): this is because as standard the "Edition 507" models are fitted with the AMG Driver's Package. In addition to an increase in the restriction imposed on the top speed, the package also includes a voucher for attendance of a driver training session at the AMG Driving Academy.

CLA is set to establish new segment

The Mercedes CLA is set to establish a new segment, with world-leading aerodynamics and avant-garde coupé design.

As a new four-door coupé it follows the idea of the CLS, whose design concept has spawned more than its fair share of imitators since its debut in 2003. With frameless doors, it also features a radar-based braking system (Collision Prevention Assist) as standard, which is able to warn the driver of an obstacle from a speed of 4mph and to initiate precision braking when the driver steps on the brake pedal.

The new CLA will be available for ordering from March and will be available at Mercedes-Benz of Shrewsbury from June.



The shape of things to come. The new CLA-Class 4 door coupé will be available later this year

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The new Mercedes-Benz A-Class.

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Amount of credit £19,076.79	Total amount payable† £29,082.21	Acceptance fee £180.00	Purchase activation fee† £95	Fixed interest rate 4.15%	Representative APR 4.9%

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Official Government fuel consumption figures in mpg (litres per 100km) for the A-Class range: urban 32.5(8.7)-52.3(5.4), extra urban 45.6(6.2)-72.4(3.9), combined 39.2(7.2)-62.8(4.5). CO2 emissions: 168-118 g/km. **Whilst this offer is only available through Mercedes-Benz Finance, we do arrange finance on behalf of other finance companies as well.** Model featured: Mercedes-Benz A180 BlueEFFICIENCY SE at £20,150 on the road. (on-the-road price includes VAT, delivery, 12 months' Road Fund Licence, number plates, first registration fee and fuel). *Based on a Mercedes-Benz Agility Agreement. Example based on 10,000 miles per annum. Excess mileage charges may apply. †Payable if you exercise the option to purchase the car. ‡Includes optional purchase payment and purchase activation fee. Quotations available on request for alternative contract lengths and mileages. This finance campaign is available on selected new A-Class models ordered before 31st March 2013, and registered before 30th June 2013. Guarantees and indemnities may be required. Offer cannot be used in conjunction with any other published offer from the retailer and is subject to availability. Terms & conditions apply. Prices correct at time of going to press (02/13). Credit provided subject to status by Mercedes-Benz Financial Services UK Limited, MK15 8BA.

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Impressive family home next to open countryside

Ty Ni, Penygarreg Rise, is an impressive family home set in extensive gardens on the edge of Pant, with far-reaching rural views.

The detached property is for sale with Town & Country at a guide price of £350,000.

It briefly comprises two reception rooms, a study, utility, large conservatory and four double bedrooms, oil central heating, two open fires, plus double glazing.

In more detail the entrance hall has a parquet floor, with doors leading to the study, lounge and dining room.

The lounge and dining room both have open fireplaces and patio doors to the conservatory, and the dining room has a parquet floor.

The kitchen/breakfast room includes a good range of units, under-floor heating, a Rayburn solid fuel stove connected to the central heating system, display cabinets, wine rack, and a beamed ceiling.

The utility room has a range of units and plumbing for a washing machine. There is also a rear hall, shower room, cloakroom and door to the garage.

Upstairs, the large galleried landing is currently used as a work room/hobby room. Bedroom one has built-in wardrobes and a vanity unit with a hand basin.

Bedroom two overlooks the front, bedroom three has built-in wardrobes and the fourth

bedroom offers fantastic views over countryside to the rear.

The bathroom has a four piece suite comprising panelled bath, overhead shower, wc, hand basin, bidet, heated towel rail, part tiled walls and built-in cupboards.

There is extensive driveway parking and a detached double garage, stable block with store and two greenhouses.

The gardens extend to about two-thirds of an acre, with a pond and two greenhouses, and backs on to woodland.

For further information contact agents Town & Country on 01691 679631 or visit the website www.townandcountryoswestry.com



Pretty detached bungalow reduced for a speedy sale

Swn-yr-Afon in Pontrobert, near Welshpool, is a detached bungalow that has just been reduced by £30,000. The home, whose key feature is its extensive gardens and grounds, including a pond with a stream running through it, is now for sale through Morris Marshall & Poole at £195,000.

It has a hallway, dining room, sitting room, kitchen, utility and wc. There is also a large room that used to be an integral garage. Off the main hallway are two bedrooms with built-in wardrobes, a bathroom and separate shower room. There is also a detached garage with a workshop/store, polytunnel and greenhouse.

For further information contact Morris Marshall & Poole on 01938 554818 or visit the website www.morrismarshall.co.uk



Demand growing for more properties with land to let

Agents Halls are appealing for more country properties with land and outbuildings to rent, to satisfy growing demand from tenants with equestrian interests. Demand is far outstripping supply in north Shropshire, says Gemma Smart, manager at Halls' new lettings office in Ellesmere.

She has recently agreed a long-term tenancy for The Trench, Northwood, near Ellesmere, an attractive five-bedroom farmhouse with lovely landscaped gardens, extensive modern and traditional outbuildings and 10.6 acres of paddocks.

"We are seeing a big demand for rental properties with land and stabling," said Miss Smart. "I could have let The Trench 10 times over, such was the interest."

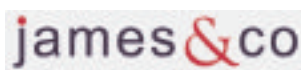
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PROPERTIES OF THE WEEK



Part exchange considered on spacious country bungalow

Penylan, Penygarneg Lane, Pant, Oswestry is a substantial detached mature bungalow in an outstanding location with spectacular countryside views.

The three-bedroom property is on the market through Parry Lowarch at a guide price of £365,000, with part exchange considered. It has a reception hall, sitting room, lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, master bedroom (ensuite), two further bedrooms, bathroom, double garage and gardens.

For further information contact Parry Lowarch on 01743 343343 or visit www.parrylowarch.co.uk



Detached period house includes cellar and two ensuites

On the market through Samuel Wood priced at £375,000. Celyn House, High Street, Weston Rhyn, in Oswestry, is a very well presented five-bedroom detached period house.

The spacious accommodation comprises an entrance hall, living room one, living room two, sitting room, bathroom, dining room, kitchen, utility, cellar, five bedrooms (two ensuite), bathroom, ample driveway parking, two garages and gardens.

For further information contact Samuel Wood on 01691 659951 or visit www.samuelwood.co.uk



Attractive family home on market with no upward chain

Tetherdown, Morda Close, Oswestry, is an attractive detached family home in a sought-after residential area with a large garden.

It is for sale through JJ Dell & Company at £349,950 with no chain. With gas-fired central heating and double glazing it has a reception hall, kitchen, utility, dining room, sitting room, lounge, three bedrooms, bathroom and a dressing room.

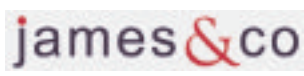
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EPC RATING C
OIRO £139,950



NEW
Oswestry
2 BED SEMI-DET HOUSE
KITCHEN/DINER
MODERN INTERIOR
EPC RATING D
OIRO £124,950



Oswestry
2 BED 2ND FLOOR APARTMENT
NO CHAIN
EPC RATING C
LIVING/DINING ROOM
OIRO £118,500



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2 BED TERRACE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
MODERNISED
EPC RATING D
OIRO £109,950



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2 BED TERRACE
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TOWN LOCATION
EPC RATING D
OIRO £109,950



Chirk
3 BED TERRACE HOUSE
KITCHEN/DINER
UTILITY
EPC RATING F
OIRO £104,950



NEW PRICE
Oswestry
2 BED TERRACE HOUSE
NO CHAIN
MODERN KITCHEN
EPC RATING C
OIRO £97,500



TO LET
Oswestry
3 BED TOWN HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
EPC RATING C
OFF ROAD PARKING
PCM £635



TO LET
Oswestry
2 BED DET BUNGALOW
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
ENCLOSED GARDEN
EPC RATING D
PCM £550



TO LET
Oswestry
2 BED MID TERRACE
GARAGE
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
PCM £500



TO LET
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1st FLOOR APARTMENT
TWO BEDROOMS
NO PETS/ NO SMOKERS
EPC RATING E
PCM £400



TO LET
Oswestry
1 BED MID TERRACE
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
REAR COURTYARD
EPC RATING D
PCM £375



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Price Guide £540,000

High Street, Weston Rhyn



Sympathetically improved by the current owners, Richmond Harvey Properties are delighted to release this most spacious 5 bedroom period detached village residence believed to date back circular 1900. The property offers excellent family accommodation of a flexible nature to include 4 reception rooms lending itself to bed and breakfast/guest house potential. Generous Gardens, Two Single Garages and Driveway providing parking for several vehicles. The true extent of the property needs to be viewed to fully appreciate the superb accommodation on offer.

Offers in Region of £375,000



Milars Field, Morda

Constructed during 2007 Richmond Harvey Properties are delighted to introduce to the market this most well appointed modern 3 bedroom semi detached property which briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/Dining Room, Cloakroom, First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom Ensuite, Two Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Gas Fired Central Heating, Double Glazing, Gardens and Parking. Remaining NHBC Guarantee. Viewing Fully Recommended.

Offers in the Region of £152,500



Sweeney Drive, Morda

A modern 4 bedroom detached family house which enjoys a pleasant cul-de-sac location within this popular development and benefits from two reception rooms, an attractive kitchen, utility and WC, master bedroom Ensuite, three further bedrooms and family bathroom. Neatly landscaped gardens, driveway providing ample off-street parking and garage. Gas Fired Central Heating, Double Glazing. TRULY A MUST SEE PROPERTY!!

Offers in Region of £199,950



Ifton Fields, St Martins

„OFFERS INVITED“ - Enjoying a pleasant cul-de-sac location a most well appointed and deceptively spacious 2 bed mid terraced property which needs to be viewed to appreciate the excellent accommodation. Driveway to the fore and neatly landscaped garden to rear.

Offers in Region of £114,950



Churchfields, St Martins

„PRICED FOR QUICK SALE“. Modern 2 bedroom link detached bungalow which enjoys a pleasant village location with Gas Fired Central Heating, Double Glazing, Landscaped Gardens, Driveway and Garage. Viewing fully recommended by the owners agents.

Offers in Region of £135,950



The Meadows, Gobowen

2 bed det bungalow benefiting from a spacious living room with multi fuel stove, study/dining room and a useful side lobby. Enjoying a pleasant cul-de-sac location and conveniently placed for local village amenities. The property also comprises: Entrance Hall, Re-fitted Kitchen, Bathroom, Driveway providing ample off-street parking, carport and garage. Gardens front and rear. Early viewing recommended.

Offers in Region Of £147,500



Bridgeman Road, Oswestry

A tastefully improved 3 bed semi detached dwelling house which is conveniently placed for local town amenities. The property briefly comprises: entrance hall, lounge, re-fitted kitchen/dining room, first floor landing, three bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom, pvc double glazing, gas fired central heating, driveway providing ample off-street parking, garage, gardens front and rear. Early viewing recommended.

Offers in Region of £133,500



Treflach, Nr Oswestry

4 bed det oak framed village residence with luxury fitted Kitchen, Impressive Living Room with feature vaulted ceiling and exposed stone fireplace, oil fired central heating incorporating underfloor heating to ground floor level, double glazing, driveway, attached double garage with first floor office and gardens.

Price Guide £430,000



Penybontfawr, Powys

THIS PLOT COULD BE READY FOR OCCUPATION DURING DECEMBER 2012 3 bedroom detached house which enjoys a delightful position within the picturesque village of Penybontfawr. The property will be finished to a high specification, offers a 10 year NHBC Guarantee.

Asking Price £395,000



West Street, Oswestry

Sympathetically improved by the present owners, Richmond Harvey Properties are delighted to release the character two bedroom and terraced house to the market which enjoys a sought after residential locality conveniently placed for local town amenities. The property briefly comprises: Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Rear Porch, First Floor Landing, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Fired Central Heating, Courtyard Gardens, Early Viewing Recommended.

Offers in Region of £122,950



TO LET

Ambleside Road, Oswestry

Richmond Harvey Properties are pleased to release this well positioned 3 bedroom detached bungalow to the rental market which enjoys a pleasant cul-de-sac location convenient for local amenities. The property has recently been refurbished internally and briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Spacious Lounge/Dining Room, Re-fitted Kitchen, Inner Hall, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Fired Central Heating, Driveway providing ample off-street parking and gardens. AVAILABLE.

£600PCM



Longfield, Chirk

„FOR SALE WITH NO CHAIN“- Richmond Harvey Properties are delighted to release this most comfortably appointed 3 bedroom mid terraced dwelling house to the market which benefits from off road parking, a conservatory and re-fitted kitchen. The property also briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Ground Floor WC, Lounge, Dining Room, First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Double Glazing, Oil Fired Central Heating, Driveway and Gardens. Viewing Fully Recommended.

Offers in Region of £115,000



Turners Lane, Llyncllys

Elevated 3 bedroom split level detached country house situated near to Llyncllys Common Nature Reserve and is set in 0.5 acres or thereabouts of mature cottage style gardens. Accommodation: Entrance Porch, Reception Hall, Cloakroom, Living Room with Balcony, L-shaped Kitchen/Dining Room, Garden Room, Utility, Boiler Room, Master Bedroom, Shower Room and Separate WC, Lower Ground Floor: Two Further Double Bedrooms and Bathroom, Oil Fired Central Heating, PVC Double Glazing where stated, Workshop. MUST BE SEEN.

Open to Offers £305,000



Smale Rise, Oswestry

„WITH REFITTED KITCHEN, SHOWER ROOM AND CONSERVATORY“. 2 bed detached bungalow which enjoys a pleasant corner plot position. The present owners have tastefully improved the property. Driveway, Garage and Gardens to front, side and rear. MUST BE SEEN.

Offers in Region £142,500



Gittin Street

Spacious two bedroom mature town house conveniently placed for local amenities and transport links which briefly comprises the following well maintained accommodation: Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Rear Lobby/Utility, First Floor Landing, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Fired Central Heating, Generous Rear Garden. Viewing Fully Recommended.

Offers in Region of £105,000



Upper Well Close, Oswestry

7 bed executive det dwelling house which briefly comprises: Reception Hall, Cloakroom, Living Room, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility Room, First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom Ensuite, Guest Bedroom Two Ensuite, Three Further First Floor Bedrooms and Family Bathroom, Second Floor Landing, Two Extremely Spacious Second Floor Bedrooms and Bathroom, Alarm System, Gas Fired Oil, Oil, Driveway and Attached Double Garage. Generous Gardens.

Offers in Region of £389,995



Longcroft, Weston Rhyn

Immaculate 3 bedroom modern end terraced house to the market which enjoys a pleasant situation within this modern development with Gas Fired Central Heating, PVC Double Glazing, Two Allocated Parking Spaces and Neatly Landscaped Rear Garden. Viewing Fully Recommended.

Offers Over £135,000



Broomhall Close, Oswestry

Richmond Harvey Properties are pleased to offer for sale this spacious and most well appointed „executive“ detached family home which is situated within a select cul-de-sac in an edge of town location. There are particular features to this property and a viewing of the home and gardens are strongly recommended.

Offers in the Region of £349,950



Arddleen, Powys

A character 4/5 bedroom tastefully extended detached cottage backing onto the Montgomery canal with a range of useful out buildings with further potential subject to necessary consent set in approximately 1/3 acre, convenient for the A483 road link. Viewing fully recommended to appreciate the excellent property on offer.

Offers in Region of £329,950



TO LET

Lazy Acre, Treflach

Richmond Harvey Properties are pleased with instructions to let this spacious and most well appointed 3 double bedroom detached corner bungalow which enjoys a pleasant village location and delightful open outlook to the rear elevated. The property briefly comprises: Porch, Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Living Room, Dining Room, Spacious Kitchen, Utility, Ground Floor Bedroom 3 and Bathroom, First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom and Guest Bedroom 2, Oil Fired Central Heating, PVC Double Glazing, Driveway providing ample off-street parking, Garage and Gardens.

£650PCM



TO LET

Orchard Street, Oswestry

Tastefully improved by the present owner Richmond Harvey Properties are delighted to release this most immaculately presented two double bedroom mature terraced town house to the market which enjoys a convenient location for local town amenities and benefits from an attractive re-fitted Kitchen and Bathroom. Gas Fired Central Heating, Enclosed Rear Garden. Viewing Fully Recommended.

£485PCM

Halls



Llwyn Road, Oswestry

Price: £112,000

NEW **NO CHAIN**

This three bedroom semi detached family home is situated in a lovely residential area with playing fields to the rear and Oswestry Hill fort a 'stones throw away'.

- 3 Bedroom
- Gardens To Front & Rear
- Detached Timber Garage
- Requires Updating
- Close To Countryside
- Current EPC Rating E

Contact Shrewsbury



Hampton Fields, Oswestry

Price: £184,950

NEW **NO CHAIN**

A detached three bedroom bungalow situated in a most popular and pleasant cul de sac location within walking distance to Oswestry Town.

- 3 Bedroom (Master & En-Suite)
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Garage & Parking
- Requires Updating
- Current EPC Rating E

Contact Oswestry



Nantmawr Chapel

Price: £350,000

NEW **NO CHAIN**

A former chapel and village school offering spacious and adaptable accommodation over three floors with views of the open countryside.

- 5 Bed (3 With En-Suites)
- Character Features
- Contemporary Interiors
- Garden & Ample Parking
- Rural Location
- Current EPC Rating D

Contact Oswestry



Owlbrook, Waenwen Farm, Crickheath

Price: £359,950

NEW **NO CHAIN**

A highly desirable detached barn conversion situated 5 miles from Oswestry Town with an adjoining 1 acre paddock.

- 3 Bedroom (2 With En-Suite)
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Located down a quiet country lane
- Oak Fitted Kitchen
- Character Features
- Current EPC Rating D

Contact Oswestry



Maes Yr Afon, Llanrhaeadr

Price: £167,500

NEW **NO CHAIN**

An immaculate extended three double bedroom family home with luxury bathroom and open plan kitchen / dining and family room.

- 3 Double Bedrooms
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Gardens & Parking
- Viewing Essential

Contact Oswestry



The Carriages, Oswestry

Price: £159,950

NEW **NO CHAIN**

A town house of contemporary design offering light and bright accommodation located a short walk from Oswestry Town Centre.

- 3 Bedroom
- Views Over Oswestry & Hill Fort
- Open Plan Living
- Accommodation
- Balcony
- Walking Distance To Town
- Current EPC Rating C

Contact Oswestry



The Woodlands, Dolywern

Price: £239,950

NEW **NO CHAIN**

A four bedroom detached family home situated in a stunning location with magnificent views of the surrounding countryside and the Ceiriog Valley.

- 4 Bedroom (Master & En-Suite)
- 3 Reception Rooms
- Garage & Parking
- Gardens
- CH & DG
- Current EPC Rating C

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The Manse, Llanymynech

Price: Offers over £250,000

NO CHAIN

This substantial detached Edwardian family home and established 4. B&B is situated at the heart of the village near to Offa's Dyke path.

- 4 Double Bedrooms & En-Suites
- 4 Reception Rooms
- Mature Detached House
- Garage & Parking
- Gardens
- Current EPC Rating F

Contact Oswestry



Trefonen Road, Morda

Price: £299,950

NO CHAIN

A deceptively spacious property 'tucked away' off the passing lane, dating back to the late 1800's.

- 4 Double Bedrooms
- 2 Reception Rooms & Conservatory
- Detached Annex
- Garage / Workshop
- Gardens & Parking
- Current EPC Rating D

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Brookhouse Road, Oswestry

Price: £119,950

NO CHAIN

A three bedroom semi detached family home situated a short walk from Oswestry Town Centre.

- 3 Bed Semi Detached
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Walking Distance To Town
- Gardens & Parking
- Current EPC Rating D

Contact Oswestry



Westlea, Weston Rhyn

Price: £139,950

A THREE bedroom cottage mews situated in a most convenient village location with excellent commuter links.

- 3 Bedrooms
- 2 Reception Rooms & Conservatory
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Garden & Parking
- Current EPC Rating D

Contact Oswestry



Harlan House, Nr Weston Rhyn

Price: £475,000

A spacious individual 4 bedroom barn conversion in grounds extending to approx 1.8 acres and offering much character and flowing accommodation which would especially suit family living.

- 4 Bedrooms
- 2/3 Reception Rooms
- Detached Outbuilding
- Garage & Parking
- Approx 1.8 Acres
- Current EPC Rating C

Contact Oswestry



Wilfred Owen Avenue, Oswestry

Price: £247,500

This detached family home is situated in a quiet cul de sac location, popular with families in close proximity to schools. Completed in 2004, this detached property is of a mock Tudor design with replica features benefits from the remainder of its NHBC Guarantee.

- 4 Bedrooms (Master & En-Suite)
- 3 Reception Rooms
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Double Garage & Parking
- Current EPC Rating C

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Wesley Cottage, Babbinswood

Price: £230,000

This former Wesleyan Chapel is now a lovely family home offering two reception rooms, conservatory, breakfast kitchen, four bedrooms, bathroom & shower room.

- 4 Bedroom
- Carport & Parking
- Private Cottage Gardens
- Hot Tub
- Oil CH & DG
- Current EPC Rating E

Contact Oswestry



Laburnum Meadows, Four Crosses

Price: £214,950

A most well presented four bedroom family home enjoying corner plot gardens and is available having the benefit of NO CHAIN.

- 4 Bedroom (Master En-Suite & Dressing Room)
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Garage & Parking
- Gardens To Front & Rear
- Oil CH & UPVC DG
- Current EPC Rating D

Contact Oswestry



Hawthorn Close, St Martins

Price: £144,950

NO CHAIN

A deceptively spacious two bedroom semi detached bungalow situated in a quiet cul-de-sac position in the most popular village of St Martins.

- 2 Bed Bungalow
- Quiet Cul De Sac
- Large Conservatory
- Gas CH & UPVC DG
- Parking & Gardens
- Current EPC Rating C

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Weston Rhyn



A 3 Bed Detached House on the outskirts of Weston Rhyn to include a BUILDING PLOT with Outline Planning Permission Ref: 11/02380/OUT. Garden and garage. The current Vendor has started works to improve the property but the work is incomplete. A good project, needs to be viewed. (NO EPC REQUIRED AS WORKS ARE INCOMPLETE)

£249,995

WHITTINGTON



A 3 bed detached bungalow in a sought after Village and briefly comprising Living Room, Kitchen, Sitting Room/Dining Room, Bathroom, further separate W.C., 3 bedrooms, Detached garage, off road parking. Gardens to the front and rear. Viewing recommended. (EPC Rating E)

£209,000

GOBOWEN



A good sized 1930's semi detached house briefly comprising, Ent hall, Cloaks w.c., Lounge, Dining Room, Pantry, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas heating, pleasant gardens, Garage, off road parking, within walking distance of train station. (EPC Rating F)

£137,500

LLANFYLLIN



(EPC Rating E) A Detached Farmhouse style property sitting on approximately 4 acres and enjoying views over open fields and hillside. Offering a wealth of exposed beams and brickwork. 4 Reception rooms, master bedroom with ensuite, Large family bathroom (which could be split to make additional bedroom), Double Garage, Workshop, Office, Reception Office, and Rough Shed. A viewing highly recommended

£540,000

St Martins



A very well presented 4 bedroomed detached bungalow. Approached via a gravelled driveway through farmstyle gates set back from the road. Ent hall, Reception hall, Lounge, Breakfast kitchen, utility room, family bathroom, bedroom one, bedroom two, first floor landing, bedroom three and four, cloaks.w.c., Double garage/workshop. Viewing recommended (EPC Rating D)

£249,950

FRONCYSYLLE



● Two bedroom detached cottage (EPC Rating F)
● In a semi rural location
● Views over the Dee Valley
● Double glazing, oil central heating,
● gardens to front and side
● Off road parking. Viewing highly recommended

£129,995

Ellesmere



A two bedroom terraced property located on the edge of Ellesmere convenient to all amenities and within walking distance of the picturesque mere. Having lounge with feature brick fireplace and slate hearth and beams to ceiling. Bathroom, Kitchen and two bedrooms. The property has rear yard and private terraced garden. There is a resident's parking permit available. (EPC Rating C)

£99,995

Weston Rhyn



A well presented spacious 2 bedroom semi detached property with ample parking. Located on the outskirts of the Village of Weston Rhyn yet being close to amenities i.e. village shop, school, public house etc. Also within easy access to the A5 Road network for Wrexham, Chester, Oswestry and Shrewsbury. The property has a good sized rear garden. A viewing highly recommended. (EPC RATING D)

£129,995

OSWESTRY



A two bedroomed Terraced Property ideal for the Town Centre. Two reception Rooms, Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Attic Room, Cellar. Gardens to the rear. An ideal opportunity for a first time buyer or investor. (EPC Rating D)

£105,000

OSWESTRY



A very well presented 2 bedroom semi detached property and located in a quiet cul de sac position. The property benefits from ample parking with driveway for approximately 4 cars and a good sized rear garden. Having two bedrooms, bathroom, Lounge, and breakfast kitchen. The property must be viewed to be appreciated. (EPC Rating C)

£119,995

Weston Rhyn



A very well presented 5 bedroom period house. Five reception rooms, Four bathrooms, Cellar, 2 Garages, enclosed gardens, ample parking and turning point. Well accessed for the A5 road network to Wrexham, Chester and Shrewsbury. Located in the Village of Weston Rhyn and being close to all amenities i.e. Village Shop, School, Public Houses, Churches and on a good bus route.. A viewing highly recommended. (EPC Rating F)

£375,000

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- Enclosed Rear Lawn with storage sheds.
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- Open plan living accommodation
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- Landscaped terraced gardens & woodland
- On-site parking, Sep driveway to garden
- Energy Efficiency Rating = 30

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75 Brookfields, Weston Rhyn
£119,950

- 2 Bedroom Semi Detached Bungalow
- Lounge, kitchen, Gas C/H, D/G
- Adjoining utility & storage building
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- Available with no onward chain
- Energy Efficiency Rating = 57

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2 Bed Semi-Det House, Gas C/H, D/G, FTE, No Pets. (EER=40)	£350 pcm
2 Bed Refurbished Maisonette, Gas C/H, D/G, FTE. (EER=69)	£375 pcm
2 Bed Mid-Terrace House, Gas C/H, D/G, Yard. (EER=52)	£425 pcm
2 Bed Semi House, Gas C/H, Garage, FTE, No Pets. (EER=66)	£450 pcm
3 Bed Semi House, Gas C/H, Parking, FTE, No Pets. (EER=67)	£450 pcm

BABBINSWOOD

3 Bed Det Cottage, Garden, Parking, FTE, No Pets. (EER=18)	£500 pcm
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GOBOWEN

3 Bed Semi-Det House, Gas C/H, Garage, FTE, No Pets. (EER=65)	£595 pcm
3 Bed House, Gas C/H, Parking, Garden, FTE, No Pets. (EER=79)	£595 pcm

WESTON RHYN

2 Bed Mid-Terr House, Garden, Parking, FTE, No Pets. (EER=72)	£395 pcm
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3 Bed Semi Bungalow, Oil C/H, Garage, FTE, No Pets. (EER=58)	£450 pcm
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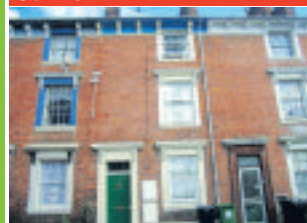
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- Three Bedrooms
- Available Beg. Feb.

£475 PCM



- Single Garage
- Electric Heating
- Pets & DHSS Considered

WESTON RHYN



- Two Bedrooms
- Village Location
- Gas Central Heating

£475 PCM



- Off Street Parking
- Rear Garden
- Available March

CHIRK



- Semi-Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Updated Kitchen

£525 PCM



- uPVC Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Good Sized Rear Garden

TREFLACH



- Available End of November
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Well Maintained

£650 PCM



- Sought After Location
- Ample Parking & Garage
- No Pets or Smokers

KNOCKIN HEATH



£650 PCM

- Available Immediately
- Detached House
- Three Spacious Bedrooms
- Snug/Fourth Bedroom
- Rural Location
- Oil Central Heating

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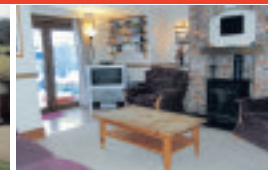
- Private Garden
- Section 106 Clause
- Village Location

£112,500

GLYN CEIRIOG



- End Terrace Cottage
- Three Bedrooms
- Edge Of Village Location



- Views Over Countryside
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- Sought After Location

£149,950

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- uPVC Double Glazing
- Driveway & Garage
- Recently Fitted C.Heating

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- Four Bedrooms
- W.C., Ensuite & Bathroom
- Views To The Rear
- Two Reception Rooms
- Conservatory

£219,950

MAESBURY



- Detached Family House
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Oil C/H & Double Glazing
- Rural Hamlet Location
- Garage & Parking
- Cloakroom & Utility

£225,000

TREFLACH



- Detached Dormer Bungalow
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Well Maintained
- Sought After Location
- Ample Parking & Garage
- Spacious Accommodation

£236,000

LLANSANTFFRAID



- Modern Detached Bungalow
- Set in Approx 1/3 Acre
- Well Presented

- Three Bedrooms
- Luxury Bathroom & Kitchen
- Oil C.H. & uPVC D.G.

£249,950

KNOCKIN



- Detached Dormer Bungalow
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Private Position
- Views Over Fields
- No Chain
- Parking and Garage

£249,950

ST MARTINS



- Large Detached Bungalow
- Quiet Private Position
- Set in 0.9 Acre

- Spacious Accommodation
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Double Garage

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PENYBONT LE



- Large Detached House
- 6 Bed + 1 Bed Annexe
- Outbuildings / Barn

- 1/2 Acre Paddock
- Village Location
- Off Road Parking

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FOEL, NR. WELSHPOOL



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- Double glazing, Gas C/H, large terraced and lawned garden to fore with secluded garden with patio area to the rear. Garage and parking. EPC Rating E

**Rhosygadfa
Nr Oswestry****£275,000****NEW - SOLD SUBJECT TO CONTRACT**

- A superb Detached Cottage Smallholding set in charming rural surroundings in a most popular location and having gardens and pasture extending in all to around 3.75 Acres (1.52 Hectares).
- The dwelling is constructed in traditional styles of brickwork under a pitched slated roof covering. Internally the accommodation is on a well planned layout and offers scope for further extensions or additions if desired.
- There are surrounding gardens together with a number of outbuildings and store shed. EPC Rating G

**Whitfield Close
Oswestry****£164,995****NEW**

- A well presented 4 Bedroom Semi-Detached property situated in an established residential location within the popular market town of Oswestry.
- The property has been extended by the current owners to create spacious living accommodation including: Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Family/Utility Room,
- 4 Bedrooms (Master En-Suite) and Family Bathroom.
- The property also has a good sized garden, Integral Garage, uPVC Double Glazing and Gas fired Central Heating. EPC Rating D

**NEW****Belle Vue
Morda****£147,000**

- A most comfortably appointed and spacious Semi-Detached House in the Centre of the popular village of Morda being approximately one mile from Oswestry
- In immaculate order throughout, Porch, Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Conservatory
- 3 Bedrooms, Re-fitted Bathroom. Gas Central Heating, double glazing, off-road parking, larger than average garage and space for caravan. EPC Rating C

**NEW - NO CHAIN****Regent Court
Oswestry****£118,500**

- A well appointed two bedroom first floor apartment set within the popular purpose built retirement complex of Regent Court
- The apartment has dual aspect windows and a balcony offering views across the town together with the benefit of a Living/Dining Area, Fitted Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms (Master with En-Suite Bathroom) and separate Shower Room.
- The complex has 24 hour resident secretary facilities together with Communal Lounges & Garden, Secure Car Parking, entrance security system, lift to all floors & guest accommodation. EPC RATING C

**NEW PRICE - APPROX 2 ACRES****Llansantffraid
Nr Oswestry****£299,950**

- A most impressive Detached House
- Set within approx 2 acres of gardens Paddock & woodland
- Sitting Room, Dining Room/Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- T.V. Room/Bedrm 5 Living Rm/Study, Utility Rm, 4 1st Floor Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom, En-Suite Shower Rm
- Part D/G & part Oil C/H, Dble garage with pony stable
- Views over fields alongside, parking. EPC Rating G

**Porth-Y-Waen
Nr Oswestry****£229,995**

- A spacious 4 Bedroom Detached Bungalow in the hamlet of Porth-Y-Waen
- Situated in a large elevated plot with excellent views over countryside to rear
- Ent Hall, Large Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility Room
- Master Bedroom with Shower Rm, 3 other Bedrooms & Family Bathrm
- Large garden at rear with raised patio area & Detached Workshop
- Large driveway with ample parking, D/G and Oil C/H. EPC Rating D

**NO CHAIN****Hammonds Place
Gobowen****£107,995**

- A spacious and well appointed End-Terrace House situated in a popular residential area of the village of Gobowen.
- The property has been significantly improved by the current owners
- Good size kitchen which opens into the conservatory, lounge with wood burning stove and utility rm
- 3 bedrooms and bathroom on the first floor
- To the rear is a well maintained garden, a large driveway providing ample off-road parking
- uPVC double glazing throughout and Gas central heating. EPC Rating C

**NO CHAIN****Coed-Y-Go
Oswestry****£250,000**

- A most delightful position Detached Residential Bungalow set within large gardens and grounds just on the edge of Morda towards Coed-y-Go being only one mile from Oswestry.
- The generous property includes which requires some modernisation, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Sun Room, Kitchen, Rear Lobby/Utility together with Three Bedrooms and Shower Room.
- Oil fired Central Heating, garage, a Triple Loose Box with adjoining Garage, Small Paddock. Views over open fields to the rear. EPC Rating F

**Unicorn Road
Oswestry****£139,950**

- A most spacious and comfortably appointed Semi-Detached House
- Entrance Hall, Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom
- Double glazing, gas fired central heating, garage, delightful gardens to the rear.
- EPC Rating D

**NO CHAIN****Cae Celyn
Llanymynech****£139,950**

- A comfortably appointed Family Detached Bungalow
- Situated in the heart of the popular Village of Llanymynech
- Entrance Hall, Sitting Room/Dining Room, Kitchen
- Two Excellent Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Double glazing, Oil fired c/h, Garage, Gardens and Grounds
- EPC Rating E

**NO CHAIN****Marsland Close
St. Martins****£169,000**

- A superbly appointed Detached Residential Bungalow
- In an ideal location on the outskirts of the Village of St. Martins
- Ent Porch & Hall, Sitting Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Rear Lobby/wc, 2 Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Sep. WC
- Low maintenance pvc barge & facias, cavity wall insulation
- Delightful gardens. D/G. Gas C/H. Garage. EPC Rating D

**NO CHAIN****King Street
Oswestry****£106,000**

- A superbly appointed and extensively refurbished End-of-Terrace Residential House that has been carefully restored by the present owners and is convenient to all facilities
- Entrance Hall, Sitting Room/Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Enclosed Patio to Rear. Ideal for investment or first time purchase. EPC Rating D

**Lilac Grove
Oswestry****£105,000**

- A most delightful Mid-Terrace House situated within a popular location
- Wide Entrance Hall, Sitting/Dining Room, a modern Kitchen,
- First Floor Landing, 2 Excellent Bedrooms, Family Bathroom with recent suite
- Double glazing, Gas C/H. In excellent order throughout. EPC Rating C
- Parking for several cars, delightful enclosed lawned garden with borders to rear

**Log Street
Oswestry****£99,500**

- A well positioned Ground Floor Shop Premises
- With First Floor Flat Accommodation comprising:
- Sitting Room, Bedroom, Kitchen, Shower Room.
- Located in a well established trading area
- The sale offers an ideal opportunity to acquire a self contained shop
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- Fine Gardens
- Outskirts Of Oswestry
- EPC Band D

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- GFCH/DG
- Reception Hall
- Lounge
- New Fitted Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Garage
- Front and Rear Gardens
- EPC Band E

JJD800

£154,950

OSWESTRY



Det. house with purpose built granny annex close to town shops

- D/G C/H
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Study & Laundry
- 3 Bedrooms
- Double Garage
- Ground Floor Annex
- Large Garden
- EPC Band F

JJD782

£280,000

PORTH-Y-WAEN



Exceptionally Well Appointed Country Property

- Central Heating & D/Glazing
- 2 Good Sized Reception Rooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- 3 Beds
- En-suite
- Bathroom
- Double Garaging and Workshop
- Attractive Garden And Small Paddock
- EPC Band E

JJD749

£274,500

PANT, NR. OSWESTRY



• Oil Fired Central Heating

- Entrance Porch
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Breakfast/Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Enclosed Front Garden
- Parking for 4/5 cars
- Workshop
- Includes B/Plot with Full P/P for Dwelling
- EPC Band F

JJD807

£350,000

ST. MARTINS



• Building Plot With Range Of Part Renovated Outbuildings

- Planning Permission For Completion Of Renovation Or Demolition To Build New
- One Bedroom Semi-Detached Cottage
- Large Rear Garden
- Attractive Village Position Overlooking Church
- EPC Band F

JJD785

£168,000

OSWESTRY



• Gas Fired Heating

- Entrance Hall
- Dining Room
- Sitting Room
- Kitchen
- Cloak Room
- Three Bedrooms
- Front Garden
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- EPC Band E

JJD809

£90,000

OSWESTRY



Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow Occupying a Quiet Elevated Position Within Walking Distance of the Town

- Gas Fired Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Three Bedrooms
- Garden Room
- Garage
- EPC Band D

JJD792

£154,950

GOBOWEN



Close Care Residential Bungalow on purpose-built complex

- C/H, D/G
- Lounge/Dining Area
- UPVC Conservatory
- Large Bathroom
- Two Bedrooms
- Rear Enclosed Paved Yard
- Garage
- Semi-Rural Location
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Dealership introduces key role to bring more benefits for customers

Mercedes-Benz of Shrewsbury has introduced a new role designed to offer help and support to local business users and fleet managers. Based at the Battlefield Road dealership, Lorna Pearce is the local business development manager responsible for looking after corporate and business accounts in Shropshire and the surrounding area.

Lorna has considerable experience of the brand having worked at Mercedes-Benz of Shrewsbury for the last 11 years, but is excited by the challenge of her new role.

Businesses have different requirements than individual customers," she said.

As business development manager I am the point of contact for everything to do with the client's car. So as well as helping to find the perfect Mercedes-Benz and the best way to finance it, clients can also liaise with me to arrange insurance, servicing and after-sales support."

Relationships

Lorna explained what her role entails: "My role at Mercedes-Benz of Shrewsbury is to develop one-to-one business-to-business relationships within our local area, particularly with small businesses, with a main focus on providing a high level of customer service.

We can arrange for you to visit the dealership and see our facilities and model range firsthand, or I can come to you to demonstrate a vehicle if that is more convenient. I can also help you to find the best way to finance your Mercedes-Benz. From individual cars to sole traders to a fleet of vehicles for larger organisations, we can deliver the right solution for you."

She continued: "A Mercedes-Benz makes a statement about you and your business. For the last 125 years, Mercedes-Benz has been synonymous with quality, refinement, performance and safety. They



Lorna Pearce is the business development manager at Mercedes-Benz of Shrewsbury

are economical to run with high residual values, a range of competitive finance options, class leading fuel economy and low emissions leading to reduced Benefit in Kind tax. Driving a Mercedes-Benz is more affordable than you might think."

This is endorsed by the latest Mercedes-Benz figures which show reduced emissions across the C-Class saloon, estate and coupé range, with a class leading 109g/KM on the C220 CDI Executive SE manual saloon. Lower emissions are not only better for the environment but also better for company car drivers by reducing Benefit in Kind tax.

Lorna is keen to develop good relationships within the business community.

"I would encourage local businesses to contact me to find out more. It would be great to meet and either visit your premises or arrange a visit to Mercedes-Benz of Shrewsbury to demonstrate our outstanding facilities and introduce some of our award-winning team."

● To find out more about Mercedes-Benz and their corporate packages, please call Lorna Pearce 01743 600151 or visit www.draysongroup.co.uk.

G-Class is leading the way across the board



The latest Mercedes G-Class is big on power, comfort and safety

The latest Mercedes G-Class has greater power than any UK-specification model before it, more technology and a greater range of comfort and safety equipment.

Priced from £82,945 OTR for the G 350 BlueTEC, the new G-Class has increased levels of standard equipment including new LED daytime running lights and a reworked interior that, for the first time, is fitted with COMAND Online.

Also fitted as standard is Parktronic, an audio and visual parking aid, and new leather upholstery in conjunction with heated front and rear seats. A new design of 18in five-spoke alloy wheels, electric folding and heated mirrors, instrument cluster with colour display and a mighty Harman Kardon Logic 7 surround sound audio system complete the changes.

The 3.0 litre V6 engine fitted to the G 350

BlueTEC model delivers 211hp (a 1hp gain) and retains the same fuel consumption and CO₂ emissions of the model it replaces – 25.2mpg and 295g/km respectively.

The new G 63 AMG is priced at £123,115 OTR. Its hand built, bi-turbo 5.5-litre V8 AMG engine delivers 544hp and 760Nm of torque – an improvement of 37hp and 60 m over the outgoing G 55 AMG. Despite these gains, the new V8 sees combined CO₂ emissions reduced by 13 per cent to 322g/km and combined fuel consumption improved by 15 per cent to 20.5 mpg.

Despite its focus on performance the G 63 AMG, in common with every new G-Class, is fitted with permanent all-wheel drive, fully engageable differential locks, four wheel Electronic Traction System (4ETS) and a low-range gear reduction to ensure it remains a viable and adept off-road vehicle.

Executive travel. The Mercedes-Benz E-Class.



Representative example

E 220 CDI BlueEFFICIENCY Avantgarde with metallic paint

36 Monthly payments of*	On the road price	Customer deposit	Retailer deposit contribution	Total deposit	Optional purchase payment
£299.00	£33,435.00	£5,323.04	£5,150.00	£10,473.04	£13,525.00
Amount of credit payable [†]	Total amount payable [†]	Acceptance fee	Purchase activation fee [†]	Fixed interest rate	Representative APR
£22,961.96	£35,037.04	£180.00	£95	2.40%	2.9%

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Official Government fuel consumption figures in mpg (litres per 100km) for the E-Class range: urban 20.3(13.9)-47.1(6.0), extra urban 36.2(7.8)-67.3(4.2), combined 28.3(10.0)-57.6(4.9). CO₂ emissions: 234-128 g/km. **Whilst this offer is only available through Mercedes-Benz Finance, we do arrange finance on behalf of other finance companies as well.** Model featured: Mercedes-Benz E220 CDI BlueEFFICIENCY Avantgarde at £33,435 on the road. (on-the-road price includes VAT, delivery, 12 months' Road Fund Licence, number plates, first registration fee and fuel). *Based on a Mercedes-Benz Agility Agreement. Example based on 10,000 miles per annum. Excess mileage charges may apply. Payable if you exercise the option to purchase the car. [†]Includes optional purchase payment and purchase activation fee. Quotations available on request for alternative contract lengths and mileages. This finance campaign is available on selected E-Class saloon models ordered/credit approved before 31st March 2013, and registered before 30th June 2013. Guarantees and indemnities may be required. Offer cannot be used in conjunction with any other published offer from the retailer and is subject to availability. Terms & conditions apply. Prices correct at time of going to press (02/13). Credit provided subject to status by Mercedes-Benz Financial Services UK Limited, MK15 8BA.

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Representative example

CLS 250 CDI BlueEFFICIENCY

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£399.00	£47,600.00	£8,935.86	£6,800.00	£15,735.86	£24,150.00
Amount of credit payable [†]	Total amount payable [†]	Acceptance fee	Purchase activation fee [†]	Fixed interest rate	Representative APR
£31,864.14	£49,736.86	£180.00	£95	3.30%	3.9%

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Kia delivers success for county motor dealership

A Shropshire motor dealer has thanked its customers for helping one of its brands go from strength to strength.

Furrows has dealerships across the county – in Telford, Oswestry and Shrewsbury – and the Kia brand has proved incredibly popular with local motorists.

Its popularity continues to grow as new models are unveiled, and for this year's new registration launch, there are some amazing deals to be had.

Dave Farthing, Furrows group sales manager, said: "We've had a great deal of interest in our Kia vehicles as the March registration approaches, and last year we saw really strong sales figures at this milestone date.

Better

"And if early orders for 2013 are anything to go by, this year looks like it will be even better for our Kia brand sales."

One of the newest Kia models on the market is the new version of the popular Kia Sorento, which has seen a total transformation.

"It's had a front-to-rear and top-to-bottom re-engineering which



The Kia Sportage – popular with Shropshire motorists

improves safety, comfort, luxury and driving dynamics while lowering fuel consumption, emissions and running costs," said Dave.

A new exhaust gas recirculation system has helped the new Sorento achieve its class-leading fuel economy and its impressively low emissions.

These lower emissions are good news for the environment, and even better for the motorist as the Sorento now qualifies for a cheaper

tax rate – an impressive reduction of £170.

The Sorento retains the five-star Euro NCAP safety rating which was awarded to the previous model, despite increasingly tougher test conditions, and the range has been simplified so all models now have permanent all-wheel drive systems, and are powered by a revised version of Kia's 2.2-litre CRDi turbodiesel engine.

And inside, there's extra space for passengers in seat rows two



The Sorento has seen a total transformation

and three, despite the car being exactly the same length and width as before.

"We've seen a best seller too in the Kia Picanto, as there's a new special city edition that really is unbelievable value at £8995, and the top of the range Picanto White is another shining star," said Dave.

He said the new Kia Rio had been a runaway success, with prices starting from £8,995, and selected models were eligible for

a special offer of one year's insurance for just £99.

"We've also been pleased with the reaction to the new Kia Cee'd – this popular model has always been a favourite with our customers, and the new-look version has continued to attract a great deal of attention.

"It's the stand-out model in a great range of family hatchbacks and estate cars, which all have a build quality and style to rival any of their competitors."



Another big seller has been the Kia Picanto

Dave said the Kia Sportage SUV also seemed to be a firm favourite with Shropshire motorists.

"We believe this is probably because we're in a rural county, and the Sportage copes perfectly with all kinds of roads and road conditions. It's also extremely flexible in terms of space inside."

Dave said all three Furrows dealerships had been very busy in anticipation of the new registration date and the year ahead looked positive too.

"Kia was named as the best car manufacturer in 2012 by Which? magazine, and thanks to the famous industry-leading seven-year warranty, and the new developments, their models look as though they're heading for another outstanding year.

"We're looking forward to welcoming Kia fans from all over the local area to our dealerships so they can see for themselves just how amazing the new vehicles are."

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The Ford Kuga achieved a maximum five-star European NCAP rating



The Ford Fiesta scooped the WhatCar? award for best supermini

A star attraction as models are unveiled

Shropshire motor dealer, Furrows, has unveiled a star-studded range of award-winning models in the run-up to the new registration launch.

The group has dealerships in Telford, Shrewsbury and Oswestry, and advance orders for the new vehicles have been extremely impressive.

Group sales manager, Dave Farthing, said: "Many of the models we have unveiled are winners in this year's WhatCar? Awards and the national recognition has already created a real buzz of excitement here in Shropshire."

"Furrows customers are extremely loyal, and are always very keen to try out the latest models for themselves, so we've had a busy few weeks in the run-up to the new registration date."

Winning models available at all three dealerships include the Ford Fiesta, which scooped WhatCar?'s award for the best supermini.

"Everyone knows what a Ford Fiesta looks like, and it has been one of the nation's favourites for years. But the revamped Fiesta has been totally transformed and brought right up to date," said Dave.

"A particular favourite is the new Fiesta ST which really is the first true sporting Fiesta since the days of the XR2 and RS versions. Its performance is fantastic and it's proving to be a real attraction for die-hard Fiesta fans."

Since its launch, Ford has sold more than 15

million Fiestas worldwide, and the stylish new model features a sharper design and a host of exclusive technology features.

For the first time, Ford's advanced six-speed Powershift transmission has been introduced to the Fiesta range, and the Auto-Start-Stop system (which automatically shuts down the engine when the vehicle is idle, and restarts when the driver wants to move off) will be available on many models as standard.

Safety features also include MyKey – a new technology system that allows parents to encourage safer driving and limit their youngster's exposure to risk at the wheel.

Mondeo

And it's not just the Fiesta that's winning awards for Ford – Furrows is also promoting the Mondeo, which has been named as WhatCar?'s best family car and best estate car for 2013.

"We've also got the new Ford Kuga in stock which is proving extremely popular, particularly given the tough winter weather as we always see a huge amount of interest in four-wheel drive vehicles when temperatures drop."

"It's a great choice if you're looking for stability and the confidence to drive no matter what the road conditions."

Dave said the new Kuga has also achieved a maximum five-star rating in the independent European NCAP – a rating which is only given if a vehicle offers excellent all-round protection.

"We believe the new technology in which Ford has invested is making a real difference to all their models, and the Kuga is no exception."

"It offers SYNC with Emergency Assistance, which directly connects anyone in the vehicle with the emergency services after an accident. It even operates in the appropriate language depending on which country the driver is in, but continues to liaise with the driver in English."

"There's also Active City Stop which helps drivers avoid low-speed collisions, and the Blind Spot Information System, which indicates with a warning light in the door mirror if there is any potential hazard in the driver's blind spot."

"And the hands-free tailgate is incredible – motorists simply wave their foot under the rear bumper so the boot opens automatically which is just so convenient."

But it's not just the in-car technology that's impressive, there's more space inside the car too, with extra legroom for rear passengers, more useable luggage space and fold-flat rear seating, and ingenious new storage solutions."

"At Furrows we're delighted to be able to offer such a wide range of new models, many of which have been praised right across the industry for their innovation and performance."

"We believe our customers will be spoilt for choice and keen to find out more about our stunning new models, so it's a really exciting time of the year at all our dealerships."

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Slow start to the year gains pace

A "slower than usual" start to the year gave way to increasingly brisk trading in the used car market as January wore on, according to CAP, the car information provider.

Two factors appear to have driven the eventual increase in trade appetite for cars.

Number one was a growing concern among dealers that they might be caught short of stock, as it became apparent that there were fewer cars available than typical for the start of the year. This was then coupled with a determination to snap up the best cars as soon as they appeared.

Although demand did pick up, senior editor Derren Martin sounded a cautionary note on the future prospects for market price stability as the struggling economies of Europe may cause manufacturers to focus on the UK as their best bet to increase new car sales.

Tough time

He says: "Stability is the watchword at the moment as dealers enjoy healthy retail sales."

"They are prepared to compete for the stock they can most easily turn into prime retail offerings and Black Book Live has been tracking values on the rise since the middle of January."

"Many of our franchise dealer contacts in particular have been telling us their sales are, if anything, stronger than at this point last year and even margins are holding up – which demonstrates that consumers are also prepared to pay for quality instead of simply buying on price alone."

"However, manufacturers are having a very tough time in Europe and may well look to the UK this year as their best opportunity to keep the wolf from the door."

Expect driverless cars in the future

Imagine a world where cars can drive themselves. The guys who built Google have been imagining it. In fact, they're building it right now. Giles Turnbull reports

Take a look at the touchscreen smartphone in your pocket. Just a decade ago, such a device was fanciful, an idea from science fiction.

Then the iPhone came along and changed phones forever.

Now take a look at what we know about Google's driverless car project. The Wikipedia page at en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Google_driverless_car is a good starting point, because (oddly) Google doesn't have a page of its own on the subject.

Driverless cars? Sounds crazy. But give it another decade.

Road accidents kill and injure hundreds of people every year, and the majority of those incidents are the result of human error.

Google's proposed solution is simple: let machines make the decisions, and lives will be saved.

The Google team took ordinary cars and added laser hardware to help them "see" and custom-made software to help them understand what they see.

The cars are able to work out what's road and what's pavement. They know when to give way and when to drive on. They even respond to unexpected events, such as pedestrians stepping out into the road.

Google's founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin are confident that self-driving cars are an important technology for the coming years.

They could increase road capacity and



The governor of California, Edmund G Brown Jr, front left, riding in a driverless car to a bill signing at Google HQ. The legislation will open the way for driverless cars in the state.

decrease accidents. A car could be shared among several people or families, and summoned to its owners with an app on a smartphone. Why is Google involved? Partly because research like this requires enormous pots of

cash, and Page and Brin are happy to spend theirs funding it. But also because it gives them a possible future money-spinner, when the technology is good enough (and cheap enough) to turn into a consumer product.

Top tips to help keep cars trim

Following on from January's 'New Gear Resolutions' GEM Motoring Assist, the road safety organisation and breakdown cover company, has provided key tips to help make sure your car gets the care it needs to stay in top condition from now onwards.

The tips focus on the important fluids that a car needs to run as efficiently as possible all year round. Looking after engine oil, fuel pumps, anti-freeze and screen wash levels, all contribute to a clean engine and a more reliable vehicle.

David Williams, CEO of GEM Motoring Assist, said: "It's never too late to start taking proper care of your car and, the more attention you give it, the longer it will last if you look after it. We hope that these tips encourage motorists to carry on maintaining their vehicle long after New Year resolutions and good intentions fade."

GEM's tips for a fluid February are:

- Prior to making a cold start in sub-zero temperatures, allow fuel pumps time to pressurise by leaving the ignition on for approximately five seconds before activating the starter motor

- Engine oil has to be at an optimum temperature to offer the fullest protection. Therefore, increase engine revs and load progressively as the engine warms

- The dirt on your paint can abrade the surface if anything brushes past it. Wash your car regularly and direct a hose beneath the wheel arches and under the floor to help remove any corrosive salty deposits

- Ensure that the engine coolant contains anti-freeze strength of between 30 per cent and 50 per cent. If the concentration is too low the engine could freeze.

Big yellow beast to bring sunshine

The Range Rover Evoque is gearing up for Spring with the Sicilian Yellow Limited Edition model which made its debut at the Brussels Motor Show last month.

Based on the 2013 Evoque Dynamic Plus, the Limited Edition sports a number of unique features giving it a truly striking appearance. Orders are being taken now with deliveries beginning in May.

The Range Rover Evoque has asserted itself as Land Rover's most desirable model, selling in excess of 100,000 vehicles in its first full year with sales continuing to show rapid growth worldwide. The new Sicilian Yellow limited edition offers customers highly desirable styling features which will build on the Evoque's success and reinforce its global appeal.

Door mirrors

Available in coupé and 5-door, customers can choose from two exterior colour schemes, each one unique to the limited edition model and based on a new Black Design Pack. Choices include a Sicilian Yellow exterior body finish with a Santorini Black contrast roof, or a Santorini Black exterior body finish with a Sicilian Yellow contrast roof and door mirrors. Unique interior finishes include yellow contrast stitching on seats, central storage area, door trims and fascia mid-section, plus an anodised yellow horizontal finisher.

This limited edition model debuts the Black Design Pack which will be available independently of the Limited Edition from April 2013. The Black Design Pack will be available exclusively on



Sicilian Yellow – an exciting new colour for the Range Rover Evoque

Dynamic models and includes rear sport spoiler, darkened front headlights and fog lamps, black Range Rover lettering, clear rear lamps, 20-inch Gloss Black forged wheels, Santorini Black painted bumper sections and dark exhaust finishers.

"The Sicilian Yellow Limited Edition is the perfect opportunity to introduce the Range Rover Evoque into 2013 and build on what is already a tremendous success story. Such a striking colour combination attributes itself to the already unique styling of the Evoque."

This, combined with the release of the Black Design Pack, will provide customers with yet more appealing choices," said John Edwards, Land Rover global brand director.

The Range Rover Evoque is powered by a choice of engines. Land Rover's powerful, efficient and lightweight 2.2 litre diesel engine, in both TD4 150PS and SD4 190PS guise, combined with either a 6-speed manual or 6-speed automatic gearbox and four-wheel drive. The two-wheel drive ed4 is powered by the 150PS TD4 version of the engine combined with a six-speed manual gearbox and produces just 129g/km CO2. The lightweight Land Rover Si4 petrol engine delivers 240PS and is combined with a 6-speed automatic transmission and four-wheel drive.

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Nuclear attraction of Atom

To truly understand greatness, you need to experience it first-hand. If you've been lucky enough to witness a triumphant sporting performance, the last night of a farewell tour or get up close to an old master in an art gallery, you know there's nothing quite like it.

You may already be aware of the Ariel Atom and what it represents, but just in case you don't, let me take you through the basics.

The Atom is possibly the most bonkers device money can buy that can still be defined as a car. It has four wheels, it has an engine and therefore can move under its own steam, but apart from that, any similarities between it and the car parked on your driveway are merely coincidental.

If one look at the pictures hadn't revealed all, the Atom is a lightweight sports car, designed solely for fun, back-road blasts and track days rather than carrying passengers or munching motorways.

Forego the need to stay dry or have a conversation with your passenger at speed and you can ditch a lot of unnece-

By Matt Joy

sary weight; that's why the Atom essentially has no bodywork whatsoever.

The steel tubular frame that runs from nose to tail is essentially it; everything else - including the very modest slivers of bodywork - is strapped to it. With no roof, no glass, no doors, no wings and a boot the size of a lunchbox, the Atom is one of the lightest cars on the road at around 465kg.

Yet bolted to the back of it is a 2.0-litre Honda V-TEC engine that until very recently was also found in the front of the Civic Type-R.

Supercharged

In the standard Atom 3, it pumps out 245bhp, but this is the supercharged 300 version, and even then the Ariel engineers will cough politely and murmur the fact that in all probability you'll get a bit more than 300bhp.

A short physics lesson is required at this point, just to illustrate the Atom's place in the automotive world.

If you have a car's weight and its power output, you can calculate its power-to-weight ratio, measured in bhp per tonne.

A Porsche 911 Carrera S, a fast car by any one's standards, checks in at 286bhp per tonne. The Ferrari F12 Berlinetta, one of the latest generation supercars, delivers an eye-widening 447bhp per tonne.

And what of the Atom 300? How does 666bhp per tonne grab you?

It's hard not to be intimidated as you literally climb into the Atom, vaulting over the horizontal beam and settling down into the stripped-down seat.

The little air deflectors in lieu of a windscreen do help, but you are exposed to the elements in much the same way as you would be on a bicycle; in good weather that is a good thing.

Once strapped in, a prod of the starter button gets the 2.0-litre unit throbbing away behind you.

The Atom 3 benefited from numerous detail changes over the Atom 2, and although the visual differences are negligible, the reality is certainly worth the effort.

This is still a loud car of course, but new engine mounts have removed much of the vibration that would be transmitted to your backside, the transmission is now slicker than before (handy, because you need to change gear very quickly indeed) and the suspension has been tweaked.

Fully adjustable dampers allow you to tweak the car to suit the conditions.

With so little weight, super-sharp steering and the reactions of dragonfly, this is gloves-off driving.



The Atom's rear-mounted engine comes in two power outputs

ing; the smallest and most delicate of inputs from your hands and feet are matched by the car, whereas in almost every other car on the planet, you feel like you're pulling levers and activating switches. But as much as the steering is a joy, the handling is more benign and even more fun than before and the sensations from the open cockpit are overwhelming. It's the performance that sets the Atom apart.

You could own the 245 version and never be overtaken again in your whole life, but the 300 is totally barking.

Delivering

The supercharger gives torque right around the rev band, and lets you know exactly when it's working by delivering an apocalyptic wail that I can still playback in my head weeks later.

Pin the throttle to the floor, however fast you're already going and whatever gear you like, and the Atom just belts towards the horizon as if it was trying to tear the asphalt from the earth.

No you can't take three friends with you or go shopping in it, but who cares?

The fact that it is designed and built in Britain and costs less than a mid-sized premium saloon is just a delightful bonus.



Only the essentials on the dashboard

Bumper to bumper

Model: Ariel Atom 300, £38,000 on the road
ENGINE: 2.0-litre four-cylinder supercharged petrol unit developing 310bhp
TRANSMISSION: Six-speed manual transmission as standard, driving the rear wheels
PERFORMANCE: Maximum speed 155mph, 0-60mph 2.7 seconds
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Peace of mind for three years with this Peugeot package

A scheme that sees buyers of new Peugeots from Telford Motors just add fuel while the dealer takes care of everything else for three years has become a huge success.

Just Add Fuel®, launched in 2011, is an all-inclusive, inflation proof package that provides comprehensive motor insurance, road tax, vehicle servicing, roadside assistance and warranty, all in a three year finance package, with one single monthly payment.

The Peugeot 107 Active for example is available from the dealer on Just Add Fuel from £139 per month. The official fuel consumption in mpg (l/100km) and CO₂ emissions (g/km) for the 107 range are: Urban 52.3-55.4 (5.4-5.1), Urban Extra 70.7-74.3 (4.0-3.8), Combined 62.8-65.7 (4.5-4.3) and CO₂ 104-99.

Other cars eligible for the scheme are the 207 SW & CC; 308 including SW & CC, excluding SR & GT; 508 including SW, excluding SR & GT; 3008 excluding the SR and HYbrid4 and the 5008 excluding SR.

Telford Motors (Peugeot) managing director, Lindsay Read said: "Just Add Fuel® has been a tremendous success for Telford Motors. JAF takes all the hassle out of running a new car. Our customers really like the idea of just adding fuel and letting Peugeot take care of everything else.

Enjoy

"Just Add Fuel® is exclusive to Peugeot, no other manufacturer has anything like it!"

There are two ways to enjoy the Just Add Fuel® package – either using Peugeot's Personal Finance Lease programme, where you never have the option to own the vehicle, or with the Passport programme, where for the same or similar monthly payment you have the option to own the vehicle at the end of the contract (representative 6.7 per cent APR).

The service plan covers all the routine servicing requirements based on the annual mileage selected. Roadside Assistance services give assistance from home, roadside assistance, recovery, onward travel and European cover. With the Road Fund Licence the dealer will provide you with a cheque to cover the cost of your second and third year car tax at the time you take delivery of your car.

Only retail customers are eligible to take out Just Add Fuel®, as it isn't currently open to business customers.

To qualify, all the drivers on the policy have to be aged between 21 and 75 years and aged 30 to 75 years for 308cc or 508 2.0 HDi 163 FAP. If the youngest driver is aged 21 to 24 then eligible cars will be all the 107s and 207s with 1.4



Lindsay Read, managing director of Telford Motors

petrol or diesel engines. All drivers must have held a full UK/EU drivers licence for a minimum of two years and none of the drivers will have been banned or suspended in the past five years. They must have a maximum of one fault or theft claim per driver in the last three years, while all drivers aged 21 to 24 must not have any fault or claim thefts in the last three years.

To qualify all drivers must have a maximum of one conviction in the past five years (CU, MW, PC, PL, SR TS and MR39 are acceptable convictions). All drivers aged 21 to 24 must not have any motoring convictions in the last five years and a minimum of two years transferable no claims discount.

At the end of the contract, customers with the Just Add Fuel® Passport plan can pay the amount Peugeot anticipate your car will be worth (the anticipated future value) and own your car outright, hand your car back with nothing further to pay (subject to mileage and condition), or part exchange your car for a brand new one.

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Or hand your car back with nothing further to pay (subject to mileage and condition). Or part exchange your car for a brand new one.

● For further information contact Telford Motors (Peugeot) on 01952 620404.
Or visit www.telfordmotors.co.uk

One, two and miss a few ...

Road safety charity the IAM is offering weekly motoring tips from Britain's top advanced driver, Peter Rodger.

This week the IAM recommends "block-changing":

- Block-changing contributes to a calm and planned driving style.

- It requires less driver input and so allows more time for other things like looking for problems or reading road signs.

- A good driver will use the brakes or their acceleration sense to slow down, not the gears. Brake pads are cheaper to replace than clutches, so use the brakes if you need to.

- When increasing speed, you can save on fuel consumption by skipping out gears, for example perhaps going straight from third to fifth.

- When slowing on approach to a roundabout or junction, use acceleration sense and/or brakes to decrease speed, and then select the right gear for the speed you are driving at. This may mean skipping out several gears at once.

- Gear changes should be made after braking but before turning the steering wheel.

Rodger said: "Block-changing means choosing and changing gear once, instead of working through all the gears. Missing unnecessary gears saves on fuel, as well as wear and tear and saves driver effort. Use your gears to go and your brakes to slow."

Country roads present bigger threat for drivers

Despite the explosion in urban traffic-calming measures in recent years, it's well known in road safety circles that rural roads present a bigger danger.

The higher speed limits and varying road conditions have greater potential to wrong-foot drivers.

Unlike in cities where considerable sums of money have been spent on speed humps, chicanes and other such devices, out in the sticks the measures are often no more advanced than a motion-sensing sign that flashes up the speed limit or warns you of a bend or junction.

Blinded

As annoying as these blunt instruments are, and doubly so at night when you've been momentarily blinded by the flashing signs, enforcement has until now been limited to traditional speed checks and the patchy placement of localised average speed camera networks.

Regarding the latter, you've no doubt seen an arrow-straight country A or B-road punctuated by a few miles of average speed cameras.

The limit is usually woefully low for the conditions and everyone is bunched up together in frustration. In reality, this is little more than a sticking plaster for a much larger issue: few people appear to know how to drive responsibly on rural roads.

It's with worrying regularity that local news outlets report on single-vehicle



Lower rural speed limits and more cameras is the current policy

accidents on country roads. The overturned car in a ditch and car versus tree or dry stone wall scenario are sadly all too common.

Worse still is the two-car collision resulting from a botched overtaking manoeuvre. Again illustrating that it's not necessarily speed that kills but a simple lack of skill.

So what is the big new idea from those in power to reduce the accidents?

It's been decided that more speed cameras and even lower rural speed limits will be the new master plan.

And those in Whitehall have given local authorities increased responsibility for devising their own policies.

If left unchecked by genuine experts who really know what works and what doesn't, there's every chance that we'll see mile after mile of otherwise safe roads neutered by 30mph and 40mph



Driver training and education is a better long-term solution

limits, as well as average speed cameras planted like trees in a sustainable forest and retina-burning flashing signs on every bend.

And don't forget that this thinly veiled safety programme will cost considerable sums of money.

Of course, the better long-term solution would be to invest more in driver training and education. Raising standards would go a long way to eliminat-

ing many of our current problems, but as long as drivers believe they are entitled to a licence as opposed to it being something you earn, little will change.

The current policy of slowing everyone down to the level of the least skilled only leads to resentment from those who take driving seriously and opens the door to wandering minds as we trundle along in a speed limit-induced coma.

Success story looks set to continue at Arthurs

For award-winning Vauxhall dealer Arthurs, 2012 was a record year in sales of new and Net-work Q used cars.

The success of 2012 allowed Arthurs to consolidate its position as market leader across the Oswestry and Newtown territories, says managing director Nigel Williams.

"It is a very satisfying result in a difficult economic climate and has been achieved as a result of a great deal of effort by many members of the team at our Oswestry and Newtown branches. We have seen both diesel and petrol engined cars increase in sales. Diesel engined cars are still outselling petrol cars in our territories and this goes against the national trend which is vice versa."

He said 2012 had seen a large increase in the number of vans sold by both branches which he hoped was a positive sign for the wider economy. Looking ahead to 2013, he said Arthurs was in a fortunate position with new models being added to the Vauxhall range.

"All these new models are in additional sectors so will provide incremental sales," said Nigel.

Popular

The Mokka SUV, which has been launched in the last few weeks, was proving "incredibly popular" and Arthurs believes this car will be extremely successful in both the Oswestry and Newtown territories.

To this end, Arthurs had ordered 30 new Mokka models which will arrive at the dealerships over the next two weeks. They will be ready for the new March registration. Additionally, there will be the launch on March 8 of the new Vauxhall Adam which he was confident would be intended to compete head on with other models such as the Fiat 500 and Mini.

"We have pre-ordered some new Adams which will arrive during March," he announced.

The Adam will start at £11,255 (list price) on the road.

"Then towards the end of April there will be the launch of the new Vauxhall Cascada which will be priced from £23,995 - nearly £8,000 less than Vauxhall's premier rivals.

"Although we don't expect to sell these cars in great numbers, we do expect to see much interest in them."

With regard to existing models, he said Arthurs had pre-ordered a large number of the new Vauxhall Antara Special Edition, which also represented great value for money.

"It should be noted Arthurs has sold more Vauxhall Antara's than most Vauxhall dealers in the country and the Antara Special Edition is a further opportunity to substantially increase our March sales.



Arthurs of Oswestry sales executive Craig Huxley with the new Mokka

"This is not forgetting the mainstream models Corsa, Astra and Insignia which continue to go from strength to strength. Meriva and Zafira models also continue to sell well, with many owners buying their second or third of these models."

He said the 0 per cent five-year Flexible Finance offer had continued into 2013 and many of Arthurs customers had benefited from the 0 per cent nil deposit offering.

In addition to the 0 per cent five-year Flexible Finance offer, he said there were also finance deposit allowances payable by Vauxhall which made all these offers even more attractive.

As an example, a new Astra Energy could benefit from 0 per cent five-year Flexible Finance, plus £1,000 finance deposit allowance from Vauxhall, plus a customer saving of £1,000 from Vauxhall.

Nigel said: "We are fortunate to have a phenomenal selection of quality cars in our extensive range. The quality has improved dramatically over the last few years which has allowed Vauxhall to introduce the Lifetime Warranty on all their new cars."

"We are finding the Vauxhall Lifetime Warranty to be a very attractive benefit for many new car buyers."

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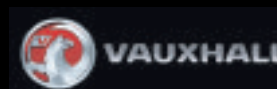
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Best of British set to go under the hammer



Jaguar have a big presence at the classic car sale at Stoneleigh Park

Marques synonymous with the finest cars ever made in the UK will be 'waving the flag' at the Silverstone Auctions hosted Race Retro and Classic Car Sale on February 23 at Stoneleigh Park.

Reading like a roll call of the best of British automotive manufacturing, cars from Austin Healey, Bentley, Jaguar, Lotus, MG and Triumph, will line up alongside more exotic offerings from Connaught and Cooper Bristol.

Nick Whale, managing director, Silverstone Auctions, said: "British car making craftsmanship is celebrated around the world

and the models we've secured for our latest auction represent some of the finest examples available."

Leading the charge are two stunning single-seat race cars, both from 1953. Possibly the most beautiful British Grand Prix car of all time is a Connaught AL10 driven by racing legend Roy Salvadori among others, estimated at £200,000 to £250,000.

Not be outdone is an 'on the button' Cooper Bristol, estimated at £140,000 to £160,000.

Jaguar enthusiasts can choose from a 1950 XK120 Roadster, estimated at between £45,000 to £52,000, an exceptional 1960 Mk



An MG TF that has benefitted from restorative work is sure to attract attention

II 3.8 Auto, estimated at £60,000 to £70,000, or an extremely rare 1974 XJ12L Series II, estimated at £18,000 to £22,000.

MG is represented in force by five models, two each from the 1950s and 1960s, plus one from 1975.

From Triumph are two TR7 V8 rally cars, one estimated at £28,000 to £32,000 and the other at £35,000 to £39,000, from 1975 and 1976 respectively. Also on offer is a pair of stylish road-going models from 1958 and 1962.

"This fine collection of cars represents the very best of British and we look forward to some enthusiastic bidding," added Nick.

Other 'native' lots include a 1961 Austin Healey 3000 Mk II Works Rally Replica, estimated at £55,000 to £65,000, a 1964 FIA Lotus Elan 26 R, estimated at between £125,000 to £140,000, and a 1991 Bentley Continental Convertible, estimated at between £55,000 to £65,000, with more being added all the time.

For full details of all the British cars being offered at the Race Retro and Classic Car Sale, plus all the other models being auctioned, visit www.silverstoneauctions.com.

For more information about Race Retro, Europe's premier international historic motorsport show, visit www.raceretro.com

Price of used cars on rise – new report

The continuing rise of used car prices is highlighted in a new report published by BCA today which shows that the average value of a used car in 2012 was £6,199 – the highest annual figure on record.

This represented a rise of £280 compared to 2011 (up 4.7 per cent), and by £358 (6.1 per cent) compared to 2010.

Not only are used cars values rising, but both average age and mileage have risen over the past three years, while performance against CAP Clean has been relatively stable around 96.5 per cent.

As in previous years, the increase in values accelerated in the second half of the year. The average value of a used car at BCA in the second half of 2012 was £6,415, up by £408 compared to the first six months of 2012. It is the highest average value for a half year period on record. Fleet and lease car values in the second half of 2012 rose by 12.3 per cent year-on-year, while dealer part-exchange car values rose by 12.6 per cent over the same period.

Competition

BCA's managing director Spencer Lock said: "These latest BCA figures provide further proof that the stock shortage resulting from depressed new car sales since 2008 is having a significant effect on used car values three and four years down the line. Used car retailers will continue to be faced with increasing competition when sourcing the most attractive and retail-ready used cars, because these are the cars everyone wants and they are in such short supply.

"While interest in the best retail quality cars can be exceptional, overall demand is best described as fragile. Dealers are less likely to speculate because they know retail buyers are spending very carefully and expecting great value for money.

There is a lot of buying to order, particularly via BCA's Bid Now and Buy Now online remarketing channels."



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Model	Representative Example: BMW 114i Sport 3-door Sports Hatch
Term of agreement	48 months
Monthly payments of	£253.77
On the road cash price*	£19,575.00
Customer deposit	£1,000.00
Dealer deposit contribution	£1,100.00
Total deposit	£2,100.00
Amount of credit	£17,475.00
Credit arrangement fee^	£0.00
Option to purchase fee^^	£10.00
Optional final payment	£7,992.00
Total amount payable by customer	£20,929.19
Total amount payable	£22,029.19
Rate of interest	4.9%
	Representative 4.9% APR

Additional specifications to include:
17" Star-Spoke Alloys, Metallic Paint, Bluetooth, Sports Seats

Official fuel economy figures for the new BMW 114i Sport 3-door: Extra Urban: 58.9mpg (4.5 l/100km), Urban: 39.2mpg (7.2 l/100km), Combined: 49.6mpg (5.7 l/100km), CO2 emissions 132g/km

Finance examples are based on BMW Select Agreements for the models stated: a BMW 114i Sport 3-door Sports Hatch with a contract mileage of 32,000 and excess mileage charge of 4.95 (per mile) a BMW 114i Sport 3-door Sports Hatch with a contract mileage of 32,000 and excess mileage charge of 4.95 (per mile). *Credit arrangement fee payable in two parts: £0.00 with first monthly payment and £0.00 at the end of the agreement. **Option to purchase fee and optional final payment payable at the end of the agreement if you decide to purchase the vehicle. Excess mileage charges and vehicle condition charges may be payable if you return the vehicle. ***On the road cash prices are based on manufacturers recommended retail price and include 3 year BMW dealer warranty, BMW Emergency Service, 12 months road fund licence, vehicle first registration fee, delivery, number plates and V5C. Retail customers only. All finance is subject to status and available to over 18's only (excluding The Channel Islands). Guarantees and indemnities may be required. We can arrange finance for you. Advertised finance is provided by BMW Financial Services (BMWFS) whilst we have close links with BMWFS and commonly introduce customers to BMWFS we do not work exclusively with BMWFS. BMW EfficientDynamics reduces emissions without compromising performance developments and is standard across the model range.



Model	Representative Example: BMW 316i SE Saloon
Term of agreement	48 months
Monthly payments of	£343.20
On the road cash price*	£24,505.00
Customer deposit	£1,000.00
Dealer deposit contribution	£1,516.80
Total deposit	£2,516.80
Amount of credit	£21,988.20
Credit arrangement fee^	£0.00
Option to purchase fee^^	£10.00
Optional final payment	£8,820.00
Total amount payable by customer	£25,960.40
Total amount payable	£27,477.20
Rate of interest	4.9%
	Representative 4.9% APR

Additional specifications to include:
17" Star-Spoke Alloys, Metallic Paint

Fuel economy figures for the BMW 3 Series Saloon range: Extra Urban: 43.5 – 78.5mpg (6.5 – 3.6 l/100km) Urban: 22.4 – 36.5mpg (12.6 – 5.0 l/100km) Combined: 32.5 – 68.9mpg (8.7 – 4.1 l/100km) CO2 emissions 202 – 109 g/km.

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Model	Representative Example: BMW 520d SE Saloon
Term of agreement	48 months
Monthly payments of	£436.73
On the road cash price*	£30,430.00
Customer deposit	£1,000.00
Dealer deposit contribution	£3,063.89
Total deposit	£4,063.89
Amount of credit	£26,366.11
Credit arrangement fee^	£0.00
Option to purchase fee^^	£10.00
Optional final payment	£10,104.12
Total amount payable by customer	£31,640.43
Total amount payable	£34,704.32
Rate of interest	5.9%
	Representative 5.9% APR

Additional specifications to include:
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NEWS

Distraction theft warning issued

POLICE have issued a warning for shoppers to be on their guard after two distraction crimes in Oswestry.

A young couple, thought to be Eastern European, targeted shoppers at the town's Morrisons and Aldi supermarkets.

They stole £50 from a woman at Morrisons in Oswald Road just after 10am and within minutes attempted to steal a bank card from a man in Aldi's car park, Beatrice Street.

In the first incident, the woman was

at the checkout till having received £50 cash-back when the suspects approached and while distracting her, stole the money from her pocket.

The male victim was getting into his car when approached by a young woman and man. She told him he had dropped a £10 note and, while he was checking, removed his bank card.

She was challenged by the victim who managed to grab his card back. The couple then quickly left the area.

The woman was described as being

in her twenties or thirties, about five feet tall, slightly built with long dark hair, possibly tied in a ponytail. She was wearing a long white coat. Her accomplice was of similar age, about 5ft 7ins tall, also of slight build with dark hair and wearing dark clothes.

A West Mercia Police spokesperson said: "We are appealing for any information which might help us identify the culprits." Call Oswestry police station on 101 or the anonymous Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Musician in protest over tickets shocker

by Graham Breeze

AN OSWESTRY musician is petitioning for an end to touts bulk buying tickets to sell for big profits online after learning that people are cashing-in on former Dr Feelgood guitarist Wilko Johnson's farewell shows.

Deborah Harris said it is disgusting that £17 tickets for the terminally-ill musician's last concerts are being offered

for sale for £167 on websites.

Deborah, singer and saxophone player with Oswestry band, Shifty Chicken Shed, said 250 people signed her petition in its first two days. Shifty Chicken Shed, has supported Dr Feelgood and also The Blockheads - in which Johnson has played.

"We also play at the Robin2 venue in Bilston and it was through the venue that I heard about the tickets for his sellout gig there being bought up for £17 and being sold online.

Cancer

"Wilko Johnson has terminal cancer and has refused treatment so that he can carry on playing for as long as possible. The news about the tickets quite frankly made me feel ill.

"This really is a sick and sad way for people to be making a profit - please do not buy these tickets."

She added: "I feel that independent, passionate music will become a thing of the past if soulless individuals feel it appropriate to treat the fans of such a legend along with some of the best music venues in the UK with such disgrace."

"My aim is to gather as many signatures as possible and present the petition to the government to ban companies from this disgusting behaviour and create other 'fairtrade' companies that will resell tickets for people that cannot make that gig at the ticket face value plus postage."

"They can generate profits by advertising gigs."

The petition is on www.ipetitions.com/petition/stop-e-ticket-companies-and-touts-exploiting-us.

Leg up for charity



Students Sophie Jones, Nadine-Jay Pearce and Zoe Peters and Daniel Black.

WHEN French and Spanish Lecturer, Julie Ball discussed with her Walford College tutor group students how best to give something back to society, they decided that it would be a great idea to raise funds for The Teenage Cancer Trust.

Julie said: "One of the many important aspects of education is preparing young people for full participation in adult society and that involves making them aware of the importance of contributing to the wider world."

The group came up with the idea of performing leg-waxing treatments on their own group. They found quite a few other willing participants, in particular from the TNS Football Academy and the Hair and Beauty students.

A cake sale was also organised with students and staff making most of the produce themselves. This was a huge success, with not a single cake or biscuit left unclaimed at the end of the sale.

More than £160 was raised.

Help is needed to unravel ancient hillfort mysteries

A GROUP has been established to protect and promote a historic Shropshire hillfort.

Oswestry hillfort which dates back to the Iron Age, is seen as one of the most important forts of its kind in Europe.

The Old Oswestry Landscape and Archaeology Project has been set up to be the 'eyes and ears' of English Heritage, which is responsible for the hillfort.

Maggie Rowlands from the group said the area saw Civil War activity and they hoped to unearth some of the hillfort's mysteries.

She said: "We are looking to find funding to bring a professional archaeologist to speak to the group and work with us. We want to organise training days for members so we understand more about the fort. The

hillfort and its history is intriguing and in some ways it is very unusual.

"For example it has large pits which most people thought served as some kind of storage area. But a topography survey suggests that they may not have been used for stores at all leaving us wondering what in fact these pits were.

"Another unusual feature is the fort's straight main entrance. Most forts of its kind would have a bendy entrance for defence reasons." She added: "We would be keen to hear from anybody who would be interested in our work once it starts in spring."

People interested should contact (01691) 773197.

Work starts on KFC site

BUILDING work has started on a KFC in Shropshire which will create 45 jobs when it opens.

The restaurant and drive-thru at the Oswestry Gateway development, near the town's Mile End roundabout, is due to open in three months.

A spokesman for KFC said: "We're delighted that building work has started on our new restaurant in Oswestry and we're looking forward to welcoming local residents to the restaurant when we open in May."

Bosses are advertising for staff.

FEATURE & NEWS

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Sales rise results in job boost for agents

HOUSE sales have been so successful in the Oswestry area this year that an estate agent has added two new faces to its team.

The buoyant property market in North Shropshire and the Welsh borderlands has persuaded estate agents Halls to add two new faces to its Oswestry office.

Residential director Stephen Powell has recruited manager Steven Murgatroyd, who has moved from the company's Whitchurch office, and assistant negotiator Emily Williams to join the four strong team.

"Our Oswestry office enjoyed another very busy and successful year in 2012 and the new year has started with a bang," said Mr Murgatroyd. "We are receiving offers on a full range of properties, from first time buyers to those seeking country properties with land."

"Following a busy December, the momentum has continued into January, which encouraged the company to strengthen the team at Oswestry under Stephen's leadership."

"Sale prospects look good for owners who take our professional advice and set a realistic price for their property."

For those seeking to rent rather than buy, we have a stock of properties and are always looking to add to our portfolio."

Mysterious owl of many sounds

RICHARD Dawkins might label it 'the shifting moral zeitgeist'.

An elderly person may call it 'a changing of the times' or perhaps, 'just an old wives' tale' but no matter how you put it, our opinions on things change over the decades and centuries, although the 'things' in question may not change at all.

Let me clarify with an example.

There is a well-loved bird of prey that stirs excitement in any of us enamoured by the natural world. On the rare occasions we glimpse one, it's a rush to the binocular draw or camera gear.

It is an animal often cited as elegant, stately and if not wise, then certainly with a character approaching astuteness. Beatrix Potter placed hers on a mysterious island, A.A Milne located his high up in the 100 acre wood. The tawny owl.

Yet centuries before Squirrel Nutkin and Winnie the Pooh, this beloved and mysterious bird was regarded by many as an ill-omen.

Hooting

William Shakespeare used it as such in Julius Caesar (Act 1 Scene 3): 'And yesterday the bird of night did sit/ Even at noon-day upon the marketplace/ Hooting and shrieking.' And later John Ruskin is quoted as saying 'Whatever wise people may say of them, I at least have found the owl's cry always prophetic of mischief to me'.

The happy death of nonsense superstitions is probably the main cause of a reversal in our degrees of fondness for the tawny owl, yet it still remains a mysterious bird in many ways.

February is the time of the year when owls begin thinking about mating. Towards the end of the month they will pair up, preparing for the breeding season in March.

It is therefore a good time of the year to hear them calling to each other, or not as the case may be. Another explanation needed!

The common notion that tawny owls go 'twit-two' is a mistake on several levels. However picky this may be, it is nonetheless true to say that in

ON THE WILD SIDE

with Ben Waddams



reality the call is a 'u-wee-hu-hu-hooooo'. But that again is a fallacy. 'U-wee-hu-hu-hooooo' is very rarely heard and if it is then it's an entirely accidental conjoining of two owls calling close together. The 'u-wee' is made by the female and the 'hu-hu-hooooo', by the male. The female can make a 'hu-hu-hooooo' but it is always softer and will travel far less than the booming male.

When the two owls are in breeding mode, they will murmur softly to each other at the nest with a breathy warble.

If however there is an argument between the couple, the murmur will become more fervent and can be described more as a yelp. This curious yelp will also be used by the female when the male is away from the nest or missing for some time.

Finally tawnys also 'yicker'. This vocalisation is the first sound a tawny chick makes when it breaks out of its egg.

Its function then seems to be to encourage the mother to attend to its needs, however later in life the bird will repeat this sound when signifying protest or complaint.

Although tawny owls are 'common', they are declining in number slowly and are being kept a close eye on by the British Trust for Ornithology and RSPB.

It may be tricky to see an owl during the gloom of dawn or dusk, but as long as you know what you're listening to, it's sometimes better to trust your ears instead of your eyes!

Meet Ben and see his wildlife art at the Made in Shropshire Fair in the Square, Shrewsbury, this Saturday 9am-5pm.



Woodland Watch - acrylic on board tawny owl by Ben Waddams.

Start-up club will help new business

BUDDING entrepreneurs in and around Oswestry are being encouraged to attend a new business start-up club.

Start Up Oswestry is a open to 18-30-year-olds who are thinking of setting up their own company.

Each meeting gives basic start-up information and aims to help young people put together a simple business plan. It also gives support with sales and marketing, access to finance and help in promoting their new enterprise.

Four meetings have been held since the club was launched last October, and the next will take place on February 12 from 5.30pm until 7pm at The Guildhall in Oswestry.

Mike Owen, Shropshire Council cabinet member for business growth and prosperity, said: "These clinics provide a great opportunity for Oswestry's budding young entrepreneurs to gain valuable advice about setting up their own business."

"I encourage anyone aged 30 and under with a great business idea to come along, to find out how to turn that idea into a money-making business."

The clinics are on the second Tuesday of the month at The Guildhall, on Bailey Head in Oswestry. Online registration is essential via <http://startcluboswestry4.eventbrite.co.uk>

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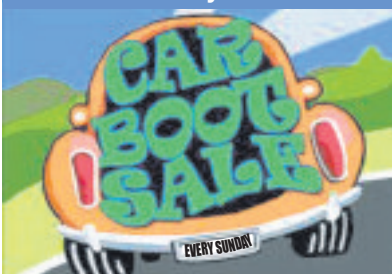
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in brief

Legion hopes to set appeal record

PEOPLE living in and around Oswestry are set to raise a record amount for the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal this year.

In 2011/2012 the branch saw just over £20,000 raised by the public and legion members.

But since September the figure for the coming 12 months is already threatening to smash through the £20,000 barrier, with seven months of fundraising still ahead.

And, with a massive host of events to make more money planned the local branch of the British Legion says it is going to be a tremendous year.

Tickets, which cost £17.50, are available from Mr Fry on (01691) 679260.

Vandals damage empty property

A WINDOW and door was damaged at an empty property on the Shropshire-Wales border.

The criminal damage caused to the property in Greenfield Terrace, Llan-sillin, was discovered on January 24 at 10.40am.

The property is currently vacant and it is believed that the damage would have taken place during the 10 days leading up to January 24.

Anyone with information that could help officers catch the culprits is asked to contact Welsh-pool Police Station on 101.

Society members' delight as prayer centre approved

THE leaders of Oswestry's Muslim community say they are delighted that their 10-year search for a prayer centre could soon be at an end.

But Oswestry Muslim Society said their ambition to develop a former 19th century Presbyterian church into their new home still depended on funding and the result of a crucial building survey.

The group was given permission to develop the former church in Oswald Road by Shropshire Council planning officers under delegated powers. The application sparked more than 70 objections, although more than 40 people wrote in supporting it.

by Graham Breeze

Police chief to meet public

A COUNCILLOR has called for the public to come out in numbers to a Shropshire town's first meeting with the region's new police and crime commissioner.

And Councillor Heather Bickerton said the talks would be an ideal opportunity for residents to put concerns about plans to shake up policing in Oswestry to West Mercia commissioner Bill Longmore.

The meeting was due to take place at Oswestry's Attfield Theatre at the Guildhall last month but was cancelled because of bad weather.

It will instead go ahead on February 26 at the Wynnstay Hotel, from 7pm.

Councillor Bickerton said: "I would ask everyone to get along and hear what plans there are for our town's police."

Councillor Bickerton claims a forthcoming police shake-up will see officers working from a 'pod' in Wem. She is concerned if those changes were brought in, it would mean reduced police cover in Oswestry.

The plans also led to a campaign by the British National Party whose members visited Oswestry and leafleted 2,000 homes urging residents to oppose the bid.

Council officers said the change of use plan could go ahead as long as an archaeological inspection is carried out before any works starts. But Muslim society members said the project still depended on what the survey finds and whether enough funding is available.

George Miah, from the Oswestry Muslim Society, said he was pleased permission had been given but more work would have to be done before a final decision is taken.

He said: "The next step is to have a surveyor look at the building and tell us what we need to do to it."

"We will look at the funding and how we can take the next step."

At the moment the society's estimated 70 members meet at Eastern Oswestry Community Centre. The group has searched for a permanent home for 10 years.

Oswestry mayor Councillor Martin Bennett said many residents welcomed the prayer centre plans. He said: "Since moving to Oswestry 35 years ago I have found residents to be open and welcoming with enormous community spirit."

Shropshire Council officers said they were able to pass the application without putting it before councillors at a committee because the bid fitted policy.

Students' sizzling sausages



Derwen College students promote Derwen's own brand of delicious sausages during Farmhouse Breakfast Week. Left to right Robin Ferguson, Tom Graham, Tori Ward, of Jamie Ward's Free Range Pork, Philippa Morley and Rachel Mulhern (seated)

STUDENTS at a Shropshire College created speciality sausages to mark Farmhouse Breakfast week.

Derwen College at Gobowen near Oswestry, for students with learning disabilities, teamed up with a local farmer to produce the 'Derwen bangers' to sell in the college farm shop.

The recipe was created by Jamie Ward's Free Range Pork.

Made and packed on Mr Ward's Berghill Farm in Whittington, the sausages contain a blend of pork from pigs raised outdoors on the farm and a selection of herbs selected and sourced from the gardens at the college.

Tori Ward said: "All four of us in the family work in the business. For us it's about affordable quality. And today's modern customer likes to know where their food is coming from."

Students organised a taste test with staff, fellow students and customers.

"Everyone thinks they're grand," Robin Ferguson, a third year student who works in the college's Orangery Restaurant said.

Singer to perform at pub on new tour

A BLUES/roots musician will be playing near Oswestry as part of his UK Tour.

Ian Parker and his band will be at The Last Inn, in Hengoed, on February 20 from 9pm.

The singer/ songwriter has been playing for 20 years, setting out at the age of 16 in pubs throughout the West Midlands.

His first band, Strange Brew, were inspired by blues-rock musician Jimi Hendrix, Cream, and Fleetwood Mac.

Mr Parker, from Stourbridge, in The Ian Parker Band has had several albums and two live DVDs, alongside a number of appearances on national TV and radio throughout the world.

When he embarks upon his UK tour in February Mr Parker will revisit material from various periods of his career to date.

He will be joined by his old Strange Brew band mates, Dave Jenkins on bass and Chris Finn on drums, both of whom have also gone on to develop their talents and travel the world within the music business.

A new album is due out this year.

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Villagers invited to speak on future

THE future of a village near Oswestry will be up for discussion at a meeting later this month.

St Martins Parish Council is calling on interested villagers to attend the event on February 16 to discuss the Parish Plan, a document which guides local development.

The document was last updated in 2007 and councillors feel that after five years it may need to be refreshed.

A meeting has been organised for 10am in The Community Centre.

Sue Crow, clerk to St Martins Parish Council, said: "The idea of the meeting is to see the interest in updating the parish plan."

"After the meeting the next step is if there is any interest from, people hopefully the parish plan will be updated."

The parish plan addresses concerns about issues including transport, housing, environment and education. For more information e-mail the clerk at clerksmc@dsl.pipex.com

Church service

A SERVICE will be held next month at a Shropshire parish church to celebrate Women's World Day of Prayer. It will be held at West Felton Parish Church on March 1 from 7pm.

Booze-fuelled troubles are subject for report on town

A RETIRED journalist has found an interest in research and recently completed a 52 page booklet about Oswestry's history with alcohol.

Carol James has penned Signing the Pledge, which looks into drink problems in Oswestry and unearths tales of drunken behaviour in the town by both men and women.

Copies of the booklet are for sale in Oswestry Library and a copy is lodged with the Shropshire Archives.

Carol, who is 70 years old, said she was inspired to start a research project after joining the University of the Third Age.

"It was through U3A that I did the research," she said. "I lead a social history research group. The research for the booklet came when I spotted a lot of references to pub companies and hotels in the town."

"I just came across the references and couldn't find anyone else who had done anything on the subject. I did three years of research for the project."

She said the booklet was the result of a lot of searching through records including Victorian newspapers, books and materials at the National Library in Wales in Aberystwyth.

"It was a lot of work," she said. Carol was born in Coventry and moved to Herefordshire and also Stoke-on-Trent. She came to the Oswestry area when she was 16 years old. The reason she moved around when she was younger was because her parents ran pubs.

She said: "I started in this area as a clerk at the Orthopaedic hospital in Gobowen. I then became a secretary at North Wales Newspapers and switched to reporting when I was about 22 years old."

"I have been in journalism for more than 35 years and in PR for a long time too. Writing has been my living but I have always had an interest in archaeology."

She said one day she was asked to cover a story for the paper when a professor came to carry out an archaeology dig in Weston Rhyn. She said after watching him work she was 'hooked' and wanted to find out more.

WOMEN OF SUBSTANCE

with Chrissy Symmons



"I left work and did a degree at Liverpool University when I was 38 years old," she said.

The degree took three years and was in Medieval and archaeology studies.

She then went into PR work and also worked on an Oswestry weekly newspaper.

When Carol retired, at age 60, she joined the University of the Third Age which led her to take up both watercolour painting and her research projects.

Now her booklet has been published she has not stopped.

She said: "At the moment I am doing something relatively simple. I am researching into Oswestry in 1900."

She said since retiring she has found more time to do the things she enjoys.

"It is nice to have the time," she said.

"U3A opens up so many different avenues."

Copies of Carol James booklet Signing the Pledge: A history of Oswestry's problems with alcohol and the long fight against the demon drink cost £4 from Oswestry Library.



Carol James, from Oswestry. Picture: Peter Flemmich.

NEWS in brief

Trophies donated to music festival

NEW trophies have been donated to organisers of a festival aimed at encouraging young musical talent in Shropshire.

Oswestry Youth and Music Festival, which has been held in the town for the last 35 years, will be taking place from February 28 until March 3.

It will be held in Christ Church and the Methodist Church, both in Chapel Street, and is expected to draw people in from Shropshire, North Wales and beyond.

The music festival has a twitter account @OsYouthMusicFestival and is also on Facebook.

Information will also be put on the Oswestry Town Council Website www.oswestry-tc.gov.uk

Work by artists going on display

WORK by six artists is on show in Oswestry.

Featured artists at the Willow Gallery include Gill Crozier, who has produced paintings inspired by the local landscape, acrylic painter David Bannister and Freda Cox who is showing a selection of paintings looking at the form of flowers.

Other artists include collagraph printer Judith Harrison, embroider Alison Holt and painter Allannah Pierce. It will run at the Willow Street gallery until March 4.

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18 given lessons in first aid

NEARLY 20 people in Oswestry have completed an emergency first aid session to help people in need.

The 18 volunteers were trained by members of Oswestry Community First Responders.

West Midlands Ambulance Service paramedic Terry Foster led the event and put people through their paces. He taught them how to carry out practice resuscitation, cardiac compression and helping save a choking baby, child or adult.

They also covered issues including how to help people who were suffering from a heart attack, strokes or severe bleeding.

The session was organised by Borderland Rotary Club and the Oysteers and was held at Oswestry Fire Station, in Mount Road.

Oswestry Borderland Rotary Club meets on a Wednesday evening at 7.30pm at the Sweeney Hall Hotel.

For more information see www.borderlandrotary.co.uk

Store collection aids food bank

A COLLECTION at the Tesco store in Ellesmere saw shoppers donate a trolley full of food for the Oswestry Food Bank.

The Trussell Trust, which oversees the food bank, is the store's charity for 2013.

Contributions totalled 960 kilos or 2,100lbs.

Superfast broadband is on its way to county villages

TWO Shropshire villages which were told last year it would not be 'commercially viable' for them to have superfast broadband will have the faster connection after all, BT bosses have announced.

Work is taking place now to connect parts of Whittington and Gobowen to the fibre broadband service ready for service from May.

BT spokeswoman Emma Tennant said: "I can confirm work has begun to bring superfast fibre broadband to the first homes and businesses in Gobowen and Whittington as part of BT's ongoing £2.5 billion commercial roll-out, which will bring the new technology to two-thirds of the UK's premises by the spring of 2014.

"We hope to have the first street-side cabinets ready for service from May onwards.

"People will be able to order the faster broadband from the broadband communications provider of their choice.

"Residents can check the availability by visiting www.bt.com website.

"They will need to put in their telephone number or postcode."

Upgrade

BT bosses said it was too early to say how many broadband cabinets will be enabled in the villages and it may be that some areas will need Government funding to enable them to upgrade.

Councillors who fought for the improved connection say they are delighted.

Whittington's Shropshire Councillor Steve Charnley said: "This sound like good news and I would like to think everyone in the community will eventually benefit from it. My plea to BT would be to ensure more remote areas and not just main population centres are also given the service as farmers, have to fill in a lot of forms online. I know Shropshire Council is also working on bringing faster broadband to the county."

Councillor David Lloyd, one of Gobowen's Shropshire Councillors, said: "This really is welcome news as, at nearly every meeting I have with the public, the issue of broadband and slow connection times comes up."

For more details visit www.borderlandrotary.co.uk

Students test CSI methods

Deryn Ellis-Thomas, front, and Jean Nicholas dusting for fingerprints in the lab

FORENSIC science students from Walford and North Shropshire College visited Staffordshire University to sample life in the college's new science building.

The students are all studying A-Level biology, psychology or BTEC Level 3 forensic science, at the Oswestry Sixth Form Campus and jumped at the chance to visit the scientific workshops at Stoke.

They used forensic science equipment to investigate a crime scene scenario, lift fingerprints and use electrostatic detection apparatus to read a concealed message.

Lecturer Rupert Boyle said: "The visit provided an excellent opportunity for the students to use cutting-edge, scientific equipment and techniques, in a state-of-the-art science building."

Charity's cash aid for young drummers

A 'STOMP-style' drumming group starting up in Oswestry has received a cash boost from the Charlotte Hartley Foundation.

Urban Pulse is a new street drumming group for 10 to 19 year olds of all abilities and disabilities.

It will see young people of all backgrounds getting involved with music having fun and being creative. Bosses at the foundation have given the group £750 to help get it going.

The foundation was set up by Charlotte's family in her memory after she died tragically at the age of 16 in 2009.

Mr Seager said Karl Hartley, Charlotte's father, believed Urban Pulse was something she would have loved to have been involved with.

The project is co-ordinated by Jay Moore, of Fusion Arts Oswestry, based at The Centre in Oak Street. He is a professional drum teacher and one of the founders of PAO.

Mike Lade, Urban Pulse spokesman, said: "Funding is crucial to the success of this initiative, so if any companies would be interested in sponsoring the project, please get in contact."

Young people interested should visit www.urbanpulse.co.uk e-mail urbanpulse.syl1@yahoo.co.uk or call Mr Lade on (01691) 650854.

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Singer Rusty shares his story

Support network launched in town



Surviving members of the band at a reunion in January 1991.

FOR 10 Years Brian 'Rusty' Roberts was the singer in George Riley's Band – one of the best-known bands to have played in and around Oswestry in the 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s.

In this concluding part of his reminiscences, he recalls some of the concerts, and the pressures which led to him leaving the band.

It was a 24-piece band, which played at the Garrison Theatre at Park Hall camp regularly. If we were short, the lads from the army band played for us. There was a second band, a reserve band, which played at the Victoria Rooms in Oswestry, where the farmers went.

by Toby Neal

We travelled to North Wales to play, and a popular one we liked was at the big factory in Newtown, Pryce Jones. We played there a few times a year. It was a huge barn of a place.

I would wear evening dress. Frank Sinatra was my favourite singer. I was single, and I did, in a way, have a following, there's no doubt. I used to get a crowd of girls – 'Rusty, come and see me Mr Rusty', they would say.

Towards the early part of my time singing with the band, I was called up. When it was announced at Park Hall that this was my last appearance because I had been called up, all the army lads at the

dance went wild and cheered. I did 18 months in the Army Pay Corps in Devizes.

The worst part was going to somewhere like Llanidloes and finding that the idiot in charge of the microphones hadn't brought them. That happened on three occasions. I couldn't sing, so I would be in the wilds of Wales with nothing to do for four hours in a place where I didn't know a soul, and the band would play without me.

There was a girl singer who also sang with the band for a while but she moved away.

During that time I was working for the council in Oswestry. If I was working on a Saturday morning, which I did one in four, and my father didn't wake me up, I

wouldn't be there, having been at, say, Llanidloes until 2am.

I loved what I did. It was utterly fantastic. I did consider going professional at one time. There were some nights which were not as good as others. I wasn't paid that much, I would say £2, but if we went to Llanidloes it was about £4. In those days I was delighted to have it. It paid for the beer for the week. We did three nights and worked on the Friday and Saturday too. I was told to stop at one stage and did in the end. A lot of my people at work said 'You're stupid, you're getting no sleep'.

Did you play with George Riley's Band or go to their concerts? Or do you have pictures of them in action? If so, why not drop us a line and, like 'Rusty', share your reminiscences?



'Rusty', John Tims, and Tom Hunter recall the old days.



'Rusty' Roberts in his singing days.

The big band sound

IN January 1991, 'Rusty' was among more than 20 surviving members of George Riley's Band who staged a reunion.

For 30 years George Riley and his band played at dances throughout Shropshire and further afield including hunt, police, and Press balls, before retiring in 1966 as Shropshire and Midland Area Dance Band champions. In 1991, remaining members got together for the first time in nearly 25 years to relive memories of those golden days of the big band sound. The late George Riley, who is thought to have lived near Maesbury, had studied violin, saxophone and clarinet at the London College of Music before playing on White Star cruises to Africa. He joined Evered Davies playing the Kings Hall and Queens Hotel, Aberystwyth and BBC Wales. It was in 1936 that he formed his own band, adopting 'She's My Lovely' as the band's signature tune. After the war, George built up his musicians to big band status, becoming resident band at the Garrison Theatre at Park Hall from 1946 until 1966.

A PROJECT to encourage people to enjoy good food and each other's company is being launched in Oswestry.

Residents are being asked for their thoughts and ideas on new ways to help people eat well and make new friends. The 'Good Eggs' project is being developed by Shropshire Council to help people build social and support networks in the community, through food.

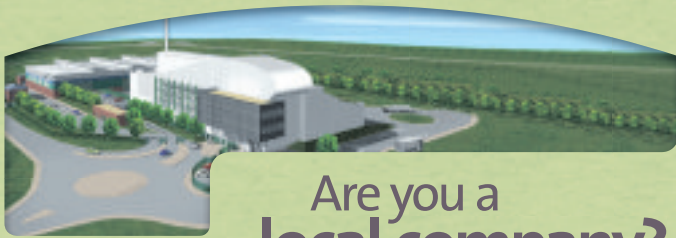
Mayor, Councillor Martin Bennett said ideas already mooted included people meeting to share food at a community venue or cooking for others in their own homes.

Matching people to cook and eat together and up those with cooking skills and time to prepare meals to those who either need help in preparing meals, or lack the time to do so. He said the project would initially be trialled in south Oswestry.

"This is an opportunity to help break down social isolation and improve the appreciation of good food and good companionship. I look forward to this project spreading throughout Oswestry."

Council leader Keith Barrow, said: "We want to work with people in Oswestry to come up with opportunities for enjoying great food."

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Blockbuster movies booked for cinema

by **Graham Breeze**

A FULL programme of films have been drawn up for the newly installed digital cinema in Oswestry.

Kinokulture, based in Oswestry, has been keen to bring the facility to the Attfield Theatre, in the Guildhall on Bailey Head, for many months and the equipment has finally been installed.

Now top films are being shown and a full list of what's on has been revealed with a number of movies scheduled until the end of March.

On February 9 will be the comedy thriller Sightseers and The Hobbit An Unexpected Journey will be shown in 2D on February 16.

Thriller

The month will finish on February 20 with a matinee screening of Argo, an American thriller film directed by Ben Affleck, at 1.30pm.

March will also bring a number of top films to the town including Life Of Pi in 2D on March 16. Kinokulture has also booked Les Misérables for April 6.

Ms Carter said: "We aim to keep our ticket prices as low as possible and hope to see many more people enjoying films at our little cinema in The Attfield Theatre."

Tickets cost £5 for adults or £3 for under 16 year olds. To book tickets call 0845 250 0517.

People wanting to get more involved with the cinema are being offered the chance to become a volunteer steward, contact Ruth Carter on ruth@kinokulture.org.uk

Touring exhibition at Qube



Senayt Samuel, one of the artists exhibiting in Oswestry.

FIVE African Women photographers have brought their touring exhibition to Oswestry.

Reflections On The Self arrived at Qube, in Oswald Road last Thursday and will be exhibiting until February 25.

It is a Hayward Touring exhibition from Southbank Centre in London.

The photographic exhibition presents women's visual narratives, as told through self-portraits and portraits of other women.

The images show women whose views of the world have been shaped by

their own experiences in Africa and the Diaspora. Exhibition photographers are Hélène Amouzou, Majida Khattari, Zanele Muholi, Senayt Samuel and Nontsikelelo Veleko.

A spokesperson for the exhibition said: "These five photographers engage with issues such as identity, sexuality and displacement, and their work often overturns stereotypical expectations."

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GIG GUIDE

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DJ to perform live on stage with band

GIG GUIDE

with Edward Roberts



ONE of the country's best known radio broadcasters will be swapping his DJ's seat for the stage when he performs with his band at The Ironworks tonight (Thursday).

Mark Radcliffe has become a familiar face fronting music shows on the BBC and currently hosts The Folk Show on BBC Radio 2.

He is best known for his role in double act 'Mark and Lard' alongside broadcasting partner Marc Riley. The fondly remembered show ran in the breakfast slot on Radio 1 during the late 90s.

The broadcaster has been involved in various bands in recent years and will be showing off his musical prowess with his latest project, Mark Radcliffe and Foes.

An Ironworks spokesman said: "He comes to The Ironworks with his latest band with drinking songs, bar room pathos and interesting tales."

The event starts at 9pm with tickets costing £7. For more information contact the Ironworks on 01691 679123.

The following night (Friday) the Ironworks will have music from the extremely talented Chris Woods.

Known as the "slap groove guitarist", he's currently one of the UK's



Mark Radcliffe will be performing at The Ironworks.

most interesting musicians. His unique playing style has earned him a regular techniques section in Acoustic Magazine as well as his own signature stomp box.

Mixing stunning technique and musical creativity, Chris Woods' guitar playing has to be seen to be believed. The gig starts at 8pm with tickets costing £6.

Friday night will have a live performance from Blues Boy Dan at the Oak in Welshpool.

Conjuring up the sound of blues performers from the 1920s and 1930s, Blues Boy Dan aka Dan Owen plays

with a maturity far beyond his years.

Reminiscent of such greats as Howlin' Wolf and Muddy Waters, Dan's music combines brilliant guitar and harmonica work with huge vocals.

The gig kicks off at 9pm and is free. For more information you can ring Oak Live on 01938 552 217.

The Lowefield Inn, Marton, will have music from Neutrix on Friday night. It's free entry and starts at 8pm. Rounding off the week will be the Limelight Open Mic at the Ironworks.

The event every Tuesday gives people the opportunity to take to the stage. It starts at 9pm and is free entry.

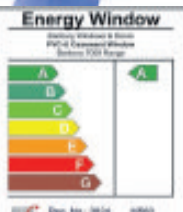
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OTMS (73)

A good entry of 73 Over Thirty Month Old Cattle sold very well to average 124ppkg for the older cows, 147.81ppkg for the younger cows, 134ppkg for the older bulls, 147ppkg for the younger bulls, and 165ppkg for the heifer under 48 months old. With nine buyers around the ring the top price of the day for an older cow was £1358.88 for a British Blue cow weighing 894kg from E A Rees & Co Borfa Newydd. Two Simmental heifers under 48 months of age achieved £1339.52 and £1196.16 from TM & EE & TG Williams Nantygfer. A Welsh Black bull weighing 1129kg from I Francis Bryndu made £1512.86. E A Rees & Co Borfa Newydd receives the Briarwood Products Ltd prize of £25 for the highest price older cow sold on the day. If you require any further information regarding this section please contact the market on 01938 553438 or the Auctioneer Glandon Lewis on 07774 224999.

FAT CATTLE (24)
A good entry of 24 fat cattle sold very well to average 216ppkg for the steers and 207ppkg for the heifers. E R G Huxley Rhosydd Gwynion sold three Limousin steers weighing 527kg to 231ppkg, 545kg to 230ppkg and 561kg to 216ppkg. GW & BA Haynes Trefnant Isaf sold a Welsh Black heifer weighing 525kg and achieved 230ppkg. Also from the home where two Limousin heifers weighing 542kg and 544kg and making 226ppkg and 218ppkg. E R G Huxley

Rhysydd Gwynion receives the Briarwood Products Ltd prize of £25 for the highest price per kilo animal sold on the day. Weekly sale of Fat cattle every Monday will commence at approximately 12.30pm. More Fat Cattle urgently required to meet a very strong demand from potential purchasers. If you have require any advise or wish to sell fat cattle at the market please contact the auctioneer Mr Glandon Lewis on 07774 224999 or the market office on 01938 553438.

PRIME HOGGETTS (4391)

An entry of 4308 Prime Hoggets, sold to an overall average of 151ppkg. Super Lights (17.5kg to 25.4kg) (11) to 113ppkg from D A Rees & Co Esgair. Average of 109ppkg.

Lights (25.5kg to 32kg) (413) to 145ppkg from RG & BM Harding Delfryn. Others to 139ppkg from A Evans Brynperffai. Average of 124ppkg.

Standards (32.1kg to 39kg) (419) to 167ppkg from S Vogel Lower Tyn y Cefn. Others to 163ppkg from P J Phillips Lower Treverwad. Average of 144ppkg.

Mediums (39.5kg to 45.5kg) (1698) to 180ppkg from CL & C Watkins Bank Farm. Others to 175ppkg from W G Jones Cwmdu. Average of 160ppkg.

Heavies (45.1kg to 52kg) (484) to 159ppkg from M P Harding Lower Cefnyrwll. Others to 157ppkg from D R Owen & Sons Sandilands. Average of 148ppkg.

Over Weights (Over 52kg) (244) to 147ppkg from C W Smith & Co Cilmeri. Others to 139ppkg from R L Owen Tanycoed. Average of 129ppkg.

CULL EWE (1734)

An entry of 1733 cull sheep on offer for sale today, sold to average £37.48 for the ewes and £54.18 for the rams. Top price of the day for the ewes was £132 per head from C E Pryce Yr Helyg. Top price for the cull rams was £98 per head from EW & KE Benbow Ffrydd Farm. Weekly sale of cull sheep to immediately follow the sale of fat lambs at approximately 12noon.

STORE LAMBS (330)

An entry of 330 store lambs achieving an average of £41. Theave lambs achieving a top price of £50 from DE & KB Owen & Son Rhallt. Mixed and Clean lambs achieving a top price of £56 from D J Owen, 10 Crosslike. Whether lambs achieving a top price of £49.20 from D Hardman Upper Knolls Farm. Top lambs making a top price of £51.50 from M & K Brown the Rock. Six cide lambs achieving a top price of £10 per head and averaging £8.50.

IN LAMB EWES.

An entry of 140 In lamb ewes achieving an average of £80. Three year old mule ewes scanned doubles achieved a top price of £108 from C A Blackman Burfield. Full Mouth Pedigree Blue faced Leicester scanned mostly doubles achieved a top price of £120 from B Nicholls Lower East Middleton.

Sale of Store Lambs to Commence at 10.30am next Monday with in lamb ewes to follow immediately.

COWS & CALVES

An entry of 14 cows and calves met with a much better trade with a lot of faces around the ring. Leading the way were tow bids of £2100. First to achieve this was AS & EM Goodlen &

Sons Cilbach Meifod for a Limousin 1st Calver with a heifer calf. IL & OG Roberts Crowwood made the same money for a British Blue 1st Calver with Limousin calf at foot. Two British Blue 2nd calvers with Limousin Bull calves at foot from RT & J Edwards Llecwedd Ystrad Balamade £2000 and £1920. Three Hereford 1st Calvers with Limousin calves from John Gore sold for £1420, £1720 and £1750. E J Lewis Rhoslas sold a Limousin Cow and a British Blue cow for £1700 and £1720. Guto Lewis presented a British Blue 1st Calver with a Limousin calf which made £1620. Overall the prices achieved where as follows: £2000 + 3 lots, £1800 - £2000 1 lot, £1600 - £1800 7 lots, £1400 - £1600 1 lot, £1200 - £1400 1 lot, less than £1200 1 lot. Entries invited for the next sale of Cows and Calves on Monday 18th February 2013.

FORTHCOMING SALES:

Monday 11th February, Sale of Dairy Cows.

Tuesday 12th February, Sale of Organic, Weanling and Store Cattle.

Monday 18th February, Sale of Cows and Calves.

Monday 25th February, Sale of Dairy Cows.

Tuesday 26th February, February Store Cattle Fair.

Monday 4th March, Sale of Cows and Calves.

Monday 11th March, Sale of Dairy Cows.

Monday 12th March, Sale of Organic, Weanlings & Store Cattle.

Monday 18th March, Sale of Cows and Calves.

Monday 25th March, Sale of Dairy Cows.

Tuesday 26th March, March Store Cattle Fair.

Monday 1st April, Sale of Cows and Calves & April, Easter Spring Lambs Show and Sale.

Monday 8th April, Sale of Dairy Cows.

Tuesday 9th April, Sale of Organic, Weanlings & Store Cattle.

Monday 15th April, Sale of Cows and Calves.

Thursday 18th April, Sale of Pedigree Charolais Cattle.

Monday 22nd April, Sale of Dairy Cattle.

Monday 29th April, Sale of Cows and Calves.

Tuesday 30th April, April Store Cattle Fair.

Oswestry cattle auctions

January 30

FAT CATTLE: (67)

If you have cattle to sell please contact the Auctioneer Jonathan Evans on 07971 002650 or the Market office.

Young Bulls (28) Overall Average 183p.

Light Bulls (2) Average 172p (£752/head) Selling to 193p from M I Edwards & C W Roberts

Pentre Newydd

Medium Bulls (17) Average 185p (£227.50/head) Selling to 224p from J W Jones & Partners

Pantglas Isa

Heavy Bulls (9) Average 182p (£1083/head) Selling to 210p from G R & E W Davies Nanthir

Steers (10) Overall Average 199.5p.

Medium Steers (2) Average 215p (£1122/head) Selling to £218p from J D Jones Crogen Iddon

Heavy Steers (8) Average 196.5p (£1240/head) Selling to 215p from J D Jones Crogen Iddon

Heifers (29) Overall Average 197.5p

Medium Heifers (7) Average 197.5p (£909.50/head) Selling to 224p from D & M G Hughes & Sons Tainymynydd

Heavy Heifers (22) Average 197.5p (£1079/head) Selling to 238p from R J T & G E Jones Penwtra

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FAT HOGGETTS: (1794)

The trade on the whole was a touch firmer with all types in better demand resulting in a 100% clearance with an overall average of 145.5p/kg, 336 light hoggs levelled at 133.5p/kg with the top call being 152p/kg from D Morris Parkside with 29.5kg hoggs making £44.80. 712 standard hoggs levelled at 142p/kg with the top being 165p/kg with 38kg hoggs making £62.80 from A & A Jones & Sons Greenhill. 563 medium hoggs were met with a very good demand levelled at 154.5p/kg. The top call was 179p/kg from M & S Jones Lower Forest Farm with 41kg hoggs making £73.50, the Jones's sold a consignment of 96 hoggs to average 165.16p/kg. The heavy hoggs averaged 142.5p/kg with the top call being £85.50

Superlights to 112p average 109.5p Lights to 152p average 133.5p, Standards to 165p average 142p, Mediums to 179p average 164.5p, Heavy's to 156p average 142.5p, Others to 136p average 130.5p. Overall average 145.5p.

FAT EWES: (651)
Ewes to £81.50 average £33.50, Rams to £75.00, average £54.50

Please Note : All sheep entering the market must be tagged.

CALVES: (52)
A distinct shortage of good calves resulted in returns being less favourable today for all

classes. Best continental Bulls to £380 Females to £276 Friesians to £125. Limousin Bulls to £380 £330 & £295 from Messrs Owen Bonciau. British Blue Bulls to £302 from Messrs Edwards Tynywedd £290 from Messrs Lewis Crumwell. Limousin Heifers to £276 from Messrs Owen Bonciau £245 £230 & £228 from Messrs Edwards Lower Sweeney. British Blue Heifers to £260 & £242 from Messrs Hamer Penrhos Farm £250 from Messrs Evans Maesmochnant. Friesian Bulls to £125 from Messrs Hughes Hammer House £125 from Messrs Lewis Crumwell £72 from Messrs Williams Lightwood Hall

STORE CATTLE: (137)

An entry filled with quality cattle was met with an electric trade throughout. Top price of the day was £1450 (226p/kg) paid for 4 Charolais x steers aged 19-20 months sold by W Watkin, Llanfyllin. W D Edwards, Llangedwyn also deserves a mention for a shapely British Blue x steer aged 22 months which sold for £1430 (223p/kg).

85 steers averaged £1064 (215p/kg) with notable prices including: £890 (262p/kg) paid for 4 Charolais x steers aged 7-9 months sold by C A Davies, Llanidloes

£1400 (243p/kg) paid for a pair of Charolais x steers aged 21-22 months sold by W Watkin, Llanfyllin.

£1180 (241p/kg) paid for a pair of Charolais x steers aged 21 months sold by R L Edwards,

Llansantffraid. 45 heifers averaged £871 (199p/kg) with notable prices including:

H M Owen, Penybont-fawr sold an excellent run of British Blue x heifers all aged 15 months for £1075

(215p/kg), £990 (230p/kg) and £880 (220p/kg).

£910 (211p/kg) paid for 4 Limousin x heifers aged 21-22 months sold by Edwards Bros, Llanhaeadr.

£925 (215p/kg) paid for a Blonde x heifer aged 18 months sold by E J Hayward, Tetchill Moor.

More cattle could have been sold on this trade so contact the market office with entries for the next catalogued sale which will be held on 13th February.

U72 & CULL COWS: (58)

A good entry of 58 cattle continued with the excellent trade that we are having. There was a shortage of the better quality cows forward which reduced the overall average but all cattle were very dear and in great demand. Top price 186p/kg each section of Cows, Heifers and Steers topped over £1200, Top price £1278.75

Charolais to 152p average

124.26p/kg

Limousin to 152p average

143.11p/kg

Belgian Blue to 165p average

142.34p/kg

Hereford to 137p average

131.41p/kg

Friesian to 136p average

112.42p/kg

Heifers

Charolais to 183p average

171.34p/kg

Limousin to 186p average

180.63p/kg

Hereford to 160p

Aberdeen Angus to 155p

Steers

Limousin to 179p average

171.97p/kg

Friesian to 177p average

169.53p/kg

58 Cattle average

132.20p/kg

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Motoring

Doubles all round as Subaru wins SUV of the year award

Drive time with Graham Breeze



BOSSSES at Subaru have been popping the champagne corks to celebrate the new XV winning the SUV Of The Year accolade from no less than 4x4 Magazine.

It's no mean achievement when a specialist magazine rates a product as highly so it was time to put the XV through its paces on the roads of Shropshire and Mid Wales.

And it was soon easy to see why the specialists rate this latest arrival from the International Motors team so highly in an ever-expanding market of compact crossovers, despite opposition from Audi, Nissan, Mazda, Kia, Volkswagen and of course the impressive Nissan Qashqai.

The XV is right up there with some of the best cars I have driven from the Subaru range and really is the shining example of how far the company had progressed since its early days in the four wheel drive market.

The Crossover market is now probably the most competitive sector and to come out on top you need an edge and for Subaru that comes in the shape of their 'Everything Taken Care Of' (ETCo) customer service package.

At no additional cost, ETCo is worth up to £7,000, covering minor dent and scratch repairs, alloy wheel repairs, monthly wash, annual valet, lost keys replacement, service collection and delivery, annual wheel alignment check, first MOT cover and winter wheel and tyre storage.



The Subaru XV – impressive in both town and country



The boot could be bigger – but passed the golf clubs test



The XV's elevated driving position provides a great view

As well as providing an accident management service and a contribution to insurance cover excess ETCo is offered in addition to Subaru's three-year/60,000-mile manufacturer warranty.

The XV is built with both on and off roading in mind and handles well with lots of space both up-front and in the rear.

I tested the 2.0litre petrol but expect the 2.0-litre diesel to be the biggest-seller. All versions have four-wheel drive, so there's great traction and plenty of grip in bends.

I've experienced a lot better ride comfort in rival models but the XV performed well in Euro NCAP child safety tests, achieving a 90 per cent score. It scored the full five stars overall, thanks

largely to the seven airbags that are fitted to every model in the line-up. Stability is standard across the range.

The elevated driving position is great and there's lots of seat and steering adjustment. Rear visibility is not as good as on some of the opposition and while everything on the dash is where you would expect it Subaru's distinctive styling is a little confusing.

The boot could be bigger but passed the golf clubs test and while the floor can be lifted and hooked to create a ramp for easier unloading the whole process is a bit of a chore.

All XVs come with alloys, air-conditioning, four electric windows and front fog lights, but

you have to step up to SE trim for vital kit like Bluetooth, an MP3 input and a leather steering wheel. Top-rung SE Lux Premium models also have powered leather seats, a sunroof and sat-nav.

The XV isn't cheap by any means and is on the same level as an Audi alternative with prices starting at £21,295 but when you take the 'Everything Taken Care Of' package into consideration you can see why this model is such an attractive proposition.

Over 25 years ago I recommended a Subaru to a friend who was looking for a 4x4 and today he still drives one. I might just point him in the XV direction.

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Motoring

Powerful new hybrid has edge over rivals

By John Griffiths

In the last 10 years or so diesel engines have become so smooth and powerful, as well as fuel efficient, that they have begun to overshadow their petrol counterparts.

Now there's an alternative capable of putting a smile on drivers' faces while reducing their running costs and their tax bills at the same time.

An innovative petrol-electric hybrid from luxury car maker Infiniti outperforms its petrol stablemate and returns more miles per gallon than the diesel.

Factor in the 5p per litre or so petrol/diesel price differential and a family hatchback CO2 emissions rating and it certainly seems like Infiniti is on to a winner.

The car's name, the M35h, doesn't exactly trip off the tongue but here is a car to rival the big name Mercedes-Benz E Class or BMW 5 Series, which can do the 0 to 62mph dash in a sporting 5.5 seconds (one of the quickest hybrids) and average nearly 41mpg.

Its CO2 emissions rating is 159g/km, which is certainly low by executive car standards and will mean savings on Vehicle Excise Duty and company car tax for many drivers.

There are two trim grades, GT and GT Premium, and when you factor in a high specification which includes all the latest bells and whistles its starting price of £42,000 makes it a serious competitor for conventional rivals.



The Infiniti M35h is a petrol-electric hybrid car which will rival the big names

There are a couple of little tricks I particularly liked. The Infiniti has the world's first computer-controlled sound system to warn pedestrians of its approach under otherwise silent electric running. There's also an innovative blind spot warning system which is a boon on busy dual carriageways and motorways.

Electricity apart, the M35h is every inch the executive express. It is powered by a 3.5 litre V6 engine and an electric motor with a combined output of 359bhp, driving the rear wheels through a super smooth seven speed automatic transmission. The combination even gives it the edge over Porsche's Panamera hybrid.

It seems able to combine the soft ride of the Mercedes E-Class with the sharper handling of its BMW rival.

And it is particularly quiet. There is little aerodynamic or road noise, and it runs on virtually silent electric power alone perhaps more than any other current hybrid.

On a busy 40mph dual carriageway the M35h seemed to be running on electric only most of the time – the petrol engine assisting only on acceleration away from traffic lights.

And then it's only obvious because when the engine is decoupled, the rev counter falls to zero: when running the petrol motor rarely rises above a whisper.

The car's batteries (which also power the started motor for the smooth transition) are recharged during braking and acceleration as well as a conventional system, which is clearly particularly quick and efficient judging by the power reserves available. The car can then run on electric alone (up to 62mph), on petrol or a combination of both.

For the driver and passenger, the M35h is a everything you'd expect of a prestige motor car. Its leather seats are both heated and ventilated, with multiple electrical adjustment to help you find the perfect position. There's even a heated steering wheel for those frosty mornings.



The luxury car has computer-controlled panels

Each gets their own little comfort zone, as they are separated by a centre console resembling an aircraft control panel with a colour screen and enough switches and dials to satisfy any gadget lover.

The higher spec model, the GT Premium, has a few technological extras including the blind spot warning system and an 'intelligent' cruise control system to help you maintain a safe gap from the car in front. There's also a lane departure warning system, satellite navigation and an upgraded 'Forest air' climate control system.

The finish and materials give an impressive of quality and craftsmanship.

The rear seats three adults in comfort, although the one drawback (particularly in the hybrid with its battery pack) is the boot space. It's still over 400 litres, but a bit behind some of its big name rivals.

Infiniti is a relative newcomer to the prestige car market, but it has plenty of experience from its sister company Nissan and associate Renault to draw on.

That's perhaps why it has managed to match the big names in this sector with a high performance, luxurious saloon. And with the M35h it also has a technological edge to please the executive and frustrate the taxman.

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Winter safety check reminder from Arthurs

WITH many motorists relying on their cars in the winter months, award-winning Vauxhall dealers Arthurs of Oswestry is sending a reminder of a MasterFit winter safety check in readiness for whatever else the weather brings.

Carried out by expertly trained Vauxhall technicians, Arthurs of Oswestry's service manager Mark Evans says the winter safety check includes a visual check for any potential safety issues, a tyre inflation check and a top-up of all vital fluids.

Said Mark: "Each winter safety check customer also receives a free Autoglym winter care pack consisting of 500ml de-icer, 500ml screenwash, an ice scraper and a hi-tech interior microfibre cloth worth a total of £20.

"Vauxhall MasterFit offers industry-leading service standards including a price match promise ensuring dealerships will not be beaten by competitors on like-for-like work.

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"Vauxhall MasterFit technicians are trained to the highest standards and customers have the added assurance of Vauxhall's complete aftersales offering which includes accessories, trade club, fleet support and full mechanical and body service and repair."

● The dealer which also has a branch in Newtown is today celebrating its latest prestigious award.

For further increased sales and customer service over the past 12 months Arthurs Vauxhall has been awarded 'Premier Status' by Motability for 2013.

Arthurs managing director Nigel Williams said Motability Operations expected to sell over 230,000 cars in 2013 and had become an important part of most new car dealers' business.

"Arthurs is no different," said Nigel, "we are looking to sell more cars on Motability and therefore we appreciate our elevated status and the recognition.

"At the same time, Motability aims to reward dealers who deliver service excellence to their customers and Arthurs is fortunate to be regarded in high esteem by Motability."

He said Arthurs had Motability accredited staff at both their Oswestry and Newtown dealerships. They were trained to be



Mark Evans from Arthurs of Oswestry

able to deal with Motability inquiries as well as to understand the requirements of Motability customers.

"The training provided by Motability Operations is very comprehensive and it is a requirement that each sales person has refresher training after a period of two years," said Nigel.

"Vauxhall is very proactive in assisting the Motability scheme and there are a great number of cars on the scheme without an advance payment. These include the new ADAM which is being launched in March.

"There is an array of other Vauxhall models with nil deposit and the new Astra Sports Tourer Sri 2 litre CDTi is proving particularly popular," he added.



E.M. Hughes in Oswestry specialises in the servicing and repair of cars vans and motorcycles



Those values still remain

IT was back on April 21, 1988 that our sister newspaper the Shropshire Star ran a feature announcing the opening of E.M. Hughes Auto Centre on Middleton Road in Oswestry.

Honestly, value for money and a job well done were the watchwords for the new garage, the paper reported. And nearly 25 years on Mike and Lynn Hughes still stand by those values despite the many changes in the motor trade.

In 1994 the garage business opened new premises in Welsh Walls and while Mike and Lynn still own and run the business they say they would not be able to exist if it was not for the good work of their staff.

Many years later the paper again featured the company launching Mike's Bikes in Welsh Walls, selling used motorcycles and new and used scooters as well as clothing to allow riders to take to the roads.

Now there is a maintenance service facility and repairs and MoTs are carried out for Class 1 and 2 as well as Class 3 for three-wheeled motorcycles.

E.M. Hughes Auto Centre is now a large independent, family-run business specialising in servicing and repairing of cars, vans and motorcycles and has grown both in size and ability to ensure that every vehicle can be catered for.

The garage offers a full car service and repairs package and is an MOT centre for Class 4, covering cars and caravans, three-wheeled vehicles and quads up to 400kg. MoTs are also offered for vans up to 3,500kg and they will soon be carrying out Class 5A tests for mini buses and Class 4 for trikes.

Last February the company was again in the news after adding Welsh Walls Car Sales to the business, with the couple's son David moving into sales, having worked in the garage trade since leaving school 19 years ago.



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SPORT

Weakened Olympians finish fifth

DUE to the absence of several athletes, the Oswestry Olympians team could only finish fifth overall in the third Shropshire Sportshall League meeting held recently at Bridgnorth.

The final Sportshall league match will be hosted by Oswestry at the Marches School Sportshall on Sunday, February 10 at 2pm.

Any children from eight who would like to find out more about Sportshall athletics are welcome to come and spectate and support the Oswestry team.

Results: Under 11 Girls: Kate Pugh 1st (A) 2 Lap Hurdles 24.3s, 2nd (A) 4 Laps 48.8s; Lucy McGlinchey 5th (B) 2 Lap Hurdles 26.6s, 5th Sitting Throw 5.50m; Katie Othen 5th (A) 2 Laps 24.3s, equal first Balance Test 30s; Sophia Motala-Evans 3rd (B) 2 Laps 23.4s, 6th Balance Test 22s; Anna Holbrook 2nd (B) 4 Laps 50.9s, 4th Sitting Throw 6.00m; 4x2 Lap Relay 3rd, Team 3rd.

Under 11 Boys: Cameron Murdoch 5th (A) 2 Lap Hurdles 24.6s, 8th Sitting Throw 5.25m; Liam Rawlings 4th (B) 2 Lap Hurdles 25.5s; Daniel Counter 5th (A) 2 Laps 25.4s, 5th Sitting Throw 6.00m; Josh Counter 5th (B) 2 Laps 25.2s, 5th Balance Test 22s; 4x2 Lap Relay 4th, Team 5th.

Under 13 Boys: Iolo Jones 4th (A) 2 Laps 21.1s, equal 2nd Speed Bounce 48; Jacob Tidridge 2nd (A) 4 Laps 43.9s, 1st 6 Laps 1.12.0m, Team 4th.

Under 15 Boys: Oliver 2nd (A) 2 Laps 20.1s, 1st (A) 4 Laps 42.2s, 4th Vertical Jump 45, Team 3rd.

TNS to hold half-term fun camp

THE New Saints are taking bookings for their February half term football fun camp at the Venue, Park Hall.

Boys and girls, from 5-13, are invited to learn new skills and techniques in a fun and safe environment, while learning the importance of teamwork and meeting new friends.

The camp, run by UEFA qualified coaches, is held for three days from February 19-21 at the Venue (from 1-4pm each day).

All abilities are welcome, while there is an opportunity to progress onto the club's development and academy centre. Prizes can be won, along with free tickets to a first team match.

Each day costs £10 or £13 if selecting a post-match hot meal. Contact the club for more information.

Seniors back in the swing

WELSHPOOL Seniors leapt into golf action last week.

The Winter League round 9 was won by Eddie Cooper. Don Lewis took second place and Peter Sharman third.

The Rabbits & Tigers on Sunday, February 3, was won by Dave Rowlands & Dave Pretty with 31 pts. Second was Richard Jones & Martin Hughes also with 31 pts and the third placed pair of Alun Brooks and Dave Readalso had 31pts. Ian Spencer won the Winter League on Saturday, February 2 with 45. He was followed by Dave Rowlands with 45.5 while Wally Watkins was third with 46.

Hywel wins

THE Division 1 stableford winner at Llanyemlyn Golf Club was Hywel Roberts with 44pts. Runner up also with 44pts was Johnny Evans and third place was Garry Huggett with 41pts. Division 2 was won by Adrian Jones with 45pts followed by Ian Grivell on 44 and Daron Whiteford 41.

Top award for Welshpool

WELSHPOOL have become the first Welsh golf club to claim a top award that recognises their inclusivity, which has also had a positive impact on all areas of the golf club.

The Inspirt Ribbon Award from Disability Sport Wales recognised the commitment for providing opportunities for disabled people at the club which has produced a British Disabled champion in Frankie Jones.

While the changes made to the course and the facilities have also made a great difference right across the club, particularly in encouraging senior members.

Welshpool junior organiser Ellen Jones, the mother of Frankie and one of the key drivers behind the changes, was delighted the club had been recog-

nised. "We are really pleased to get this award and especially to be the first golf club in Wales to receive it," she said.

"On the face of it Welshpool is one of the most inaccessible clubs on the top of a mountain, so if we can do it then any club in Wales can also reap the rewards.

"It is just about providing opportunities for people to play golf, when the Equality Act came out it made the committee sit up and think about changes that we needed to make around the course.

"We also have an amputee playing and doing really well, deaf, people with autism, so it is all about making the game as available as possible for everyone. We have fences round the greens because of the sheep so we have added

gates, we have improved the buggy paths and added more buggies as well as other facilities, all of which has also made a big difference to the senior section.

"Both my boys play at the club and it has made them feel so welcome, I have never really seen it as a provision for the disabled but as something to make the club inclusive. It was not until we made the changes that we thought of the wider benefits."

The policy is also bringing success to Welshpool in terms of the competition results at national level.

Frankie Jones, who has cerebral palsy, is the British champion, while brother Ben finished sixth, but they are not the only golfers with disability to come through the club.

Harriers runner Andrew is sports personality

Maldwyn Harriers runner Andrew Davies had good reason to celebrate after winning this year's Montgomeryshire Senior Sports Personality.

The award caps a fine year in which Andy won the Welsh Trail Marathon and led the Wales challenge at the Jungfrau Marathon/World Long Distance mountain running championships, Interlaken, Switzerland as well as setting personal bests at all distances from 3,000 metres to the Marathon.

Andy emulates previous winners at the awards which include his brother Tim, Paul Hillman (both double winners), the ladies' coaching team of Michelle Beeson, Jill Hillman and Caroline Orrells and Maldwyn Harriers (Club of the Year in 2011).

Meanwhile, Chris Atherton, representing Maldwyn Harriers, won the Cwm Nant-y-Groes Fell Race in, Aberllyrry in a time of 32.03 over a shortened-course due to the adverse weather.

Top swim training for pupil Lawen



Lawen Rossel-Smith

A TEENAGE swimmer from Shropshire has been selected to attend the 2014 Wales Commonwealth Games Female Breaststroke Development Clinic, at the National Swimming Pool in Swansea.

Lawen Rossel-Smith, 16 has been selected to join the two day training camp after a successful run of results in the pool and recommendation from Swim Wales Performance Director Martin Woodruff, who has been monitoring Lawen's progress over the season.

Lawen who attends Ellesmere College will take part in the development clinic this month where she will learn about the Commonwealth Games 2014 selection process and be involved with a series of fitness drills as well as specialist coaching.

"I'm really pleased. I always hoped I'd get chosen but it was great when it was finally confirmed. Only nine swimmers have been selected to take part in the clinic, so to be a part of this is a fantastic opportunity and one that I am really looking forward to," Lawen added.

Lawen's ultimate goal is to qualify for the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow 2018 before which she aims to progress to national level and achieve yet more success at the British Gas National Group and Youth Championships.

Alan Birchler, Head Coach at Ellesmere College said: "The Titans Swimming Academy was set up so that we can have swimmers like Lawen involved."

Hipkiss is top scorer in Glas win

CAE Glas kept up the pressure in the chase for honours in the Wheatland Indoor Cricket League division two with a 15-run win over Beacons.

Ben Hipkiss top scored with 25 not out as second placed Glas made 99-2, before restricting their opponents to 84 to record their sixth win of the season.

Division One: Grasshoppers 77-5 (A. Williams 25, P. Higham 2-21), Condonover 79-4 (D. Farr 24, P. Elton 2-3), Condonover won 2 wickets.

Shifnal (126-4, C. Miller 28, J. Edwards 27 no, S. Gregory 28 no, B. Chambers 2-25), Shifnal 95-3 (B. Chambers 26 no, M. Davies 25 no, K. Richards 22), Shifnal won by 31 runs.

Alberbury 78-5 (M. Thomas 26 no, C. Gould 7-3 (J. Case 15, A. Johnson 18 no), Condonover won by 3 wickets.

Division Two: Glas 99-2 (B. Hipkiss 25 no, R. Nimantha 18, G. Edgerton 14 no), Beacon 84 (J. Yapp 35, S. Hosking 19, M. Coulson 2-21), Caer Glas won by 15 runs.

Bomere Heath 90-4 (J. Gillespie 20, A. Muller 24), Willey 92-2 (S. Walters 23, R. Plant 25 no, M. Brown 15), Willey won by 4 wickets.

Church Stretton 84-4 (P. Lee 17, F. Hick 15 no, K. Sambrook 2-13), Grove 85-3 (W. Marner 28 no, K. Sambrook 14 no, T. Crump 2-16), Grove won by 3 wickets.

New-look Eagles are flying high after losing run ends

NEW-look Oswestry halted a four match losing run as they sealed a 22-0 home success against Oldershaw to consolidate seventh spot in rugby's South Lincs and Cheshire Two.

The Eagles fielded a mixture of youth and experience to start the day against a strong looking team from Oldershaw, with no less than seven first team players unavailable through injury or sickness.

Straight from the kick off the home side gave notice of their intentions and within five

minutes were ahead when full back Chris Crutchley picked up the ball from the loose and dazzled his way through the shocked defence to score a try in the corner, Dan Williams missing the conversion by inches.

The pack started to dominate the play against their uncompromising rivals who gave no quarter in the rucking and mauling, and the hosts went further ahead when Gaz Ellis, out of nowhere in the driving pack, picked up the ball to score a superb try, with Crutchley just missing the conversion.

Five minutes into the second half saw Chris Hesketh come on after a long season away to give the ever present Dave Richardson a breather from the front row.

Challenge

The youthful backs started to penetrate the visitors, led by captain for the day Andy Merrett, with Tom Treasure and Gareth Hughes keeping the visitors on the back foot.

In one of these dazzling runs, the pack got to the visitors five metre line and Hughes took a magnificent quick ball to sprint past the Oldershaw defence to score in the corner, with Crutchley converting for a 17-0 lead.

Oldershaw battled back and began to push hard after Luke Parks had been given a sin bin for an innocuous challenge, but the Eagles continued to defend resolutely.

Once again the dazzling skills of the backs were continuing to disrupt the visitors, with Hughes handing off twice for a determined second touchdown to make it 22-0.

Booyed by the win, the Eagles look for more points at home to Vagabonds on Saturday, while the seconds, travel to Warrington.

Golfers out in force for event

THERE were 31 entries for the Oswestry Golf Club Sunday morning draw for partners competition No 5 over 15 holes on February 3.

The winners were Frank Mottram and Richard Clay followed by Frank Mottram and Robin Rees.

Terry Alexander and Keith Miller were third and Alec Richardson and John McLean fourth.

RUGBY by John Bridgwater



Seconds suffer lack of cohesion in narrow defeat

PICKING up after the long lay-off because of the bad weather was always going to be difficult for the Eagles second XV and so it proved.

To compound this rustiness was the added factor of having five players promoted to the first team and handing another five their debuts on the day.

The lack of cohesion reared its ugly head early on for the Eagles as with less than five minutes of play on the clock Marple crossed the whitewash after some poor defensive work around the breakdown area from Oswestry.

The Eagles knew they could do better and from the ensuing kick-off put pressure on Marple for the first time in the game.

It soon paid dividends as the Marple runners, while strong were quickly tiring and gaps began to appear.

The first to make use of this was scrum half tyro Nick Clay.

Pressure

Nick picked up from the base of the ruck and sniped round the corner making great yards, the Eagles quickly moved the ball wide where winger Ivor Hughes charged forward towards the line who offloaded to debutant Sean to score under the posts.

For the remainder of the half the Eagles maintained their pressure on Marple forcing them to give up two kickable penalties which were duly converted by fly half Kevin Evans.

The Half was rounded out by another converted try for the Eagles, again using spaces out wide for a converted try, making the half time score 20-10.

As is usual for the second team it took a while for them to get up and running and were under the cosh from

Oswestry 20 Marple 23

the get go. Thinking that they had weathered the storm well, the Eagles moved into Marple territory for the first time in the half, only to cough up possession cheaply.

Marple quickly spread the ball wide to their superb winger who scythed through the Oswestry cover defence to score.

The game followed this pattern until a momentary reprieve for Oswestry, winger Terry pouncing on spilt ball from Marple to race up the field.

Some neat interplay between outside backs James and Terry resulted in Terry touching down in the corner under some severe pressure from the Marple cover defence.

Unfortunately for Oswestry the referee over-ruled the linesman's call of it being a valid try and the score remained 20-15 to Oswestry.

Unfortunately the Eagles let their heads drop and the scores were soon level due to an almost identical try as before.

With the scores level Marple were in the ascendancy and with the final whistle beckoning forced a penalty in front of the posts that was converted for a Marple win of 23-20.

Tony triumphs in the desert heat



Henelle Park Club golfer Tony Meehan after winning the Abu Dhabi Open

A GOLFER from near Oswestry has triumphed at an international tournament in just his second event on the European Amateur Golf Tour.

Henle Park Golf Club member Tony Meehan, finished top of a very competitive 51-strong field to take the ultimate prize at the Abu Dhabi Open.

The event, which attracts competitors from countries including France and Holland as well as Britain, was held over seven days taking in five rounds and three different courses.

The winner automatically gained entry to the UK final which is held in Turnberry, Scotland, in October, meaning Meehan is now one of only two people to have confirmed their place on the tour's finale.

Meehan, aged 47, made his tour debut in November with a promising display in the opening event in Miami.

And he followed it up with a winning performance in the Middle East, edging out his nearest rival, runner up Derek Love, from Wisley to take the trophy.

Meehan said: "I have been playing golf for the last 20 years but I have only taken it more seriously in the last five years. "I would say this is one of my biggest achievements because of the quality of the golfers I was playing against."

Meehan, who now sits joint first in the overall order of merit after two events, carded scores of 38, 36, 30, 34 and 33 in rounds one-five for a winning score of 171.

Two rounds of the competition were played in Yas Links and two more took place at Saadiyat Beach with one at the Abu Dhabi Golf Club which held the professional HSBC championship the week before.

By the time the UK final takes place a similar field of around 50 competitors will have qualified for the competition. And Meehan expects another great challenge in his attempts to lift the overall prize.

But when asked about his prospects of victory at Turnberry he said: "Everyone's got chance."

Stableford

At Henle the highlight of the month for seniors was the 'flag competition' on January 29 which was held in really unpleasant conditions but it was a special day for both Barrie Evans and Terry Price who had holes in one on the fourth.

The 48BB Stableford was won on count-back by Ed Smith and Peter Coombes with 42pts. Second was Jim Fletcher and Andy Patterson also with 42pts while Albert Davies and Clive Vernal were third with 41 pts. 'Twos' Andy Patterson, Mike Aubrey, and Barrie Milburn.

The Texas Scramble was won by Andy Patterson, Roy Blackband and Tom Telford with 58.15. Rob Vickers, Frank Thomas and Mike Matthews were second with 58.25.

The January Flag strokeplay competition was won by Terry Price.

SPORT**Llanrhaeadr extend lead at top with 3-1 victory**

LLANRHAEDR RES extended their lead to eight points at the top of the JT Hughes Montgomeryshire League division one with a 3-1 win at Llangedwyn.

With the first team without a game, Ben White netted twice for the second string after being given a run out, Endaf Owen also on target while Andy Edwards responded for the home side.

LLANSANTFFRAID RES, battling to stay clear of the relegation zone, picked up a 1-1 draw with fellow strugglers Trefonen whose Lee Morris was on the mark, Dale Lloyd responding for the Treflan hosts.

ABERMULE RES were the day's biggest scorers as they notched a 7-3 victory over **FOUR CROSSES RES** in the Mitsubishi division two with Mark Jones netting four of the goals, while Dan Jay, Jack Brayne and Mike Cheeseman responded.

Verdict

BERRIEW RES notched six of the best by winning 6-0 at Carno reserves, Josh Gethin leading the way with a hat-trick while Toby Hodgson, Jane Evans and Jackson Hassanyeh also found the net.

Two goals from Kyrren Chaney helped **KERRY RES** edge out Newtown reserves 4-3, Luke Mumford (penalty) and Mike Mumford also on the mark, while Aaron Warwick (2) and Martyn Lewis replied.

Mike Lewis was on the mark for lowly **LLAN- YMYNECH**, but his strike could not prevent a 3-1 loss at home to Newtown Wanderers who prevailed with Richard Rees, Adam Nottingham and Dafydd Evans on target.

CHURCHSTOKE consolidated their top five place with a 4-2 verdict at **WATERLOO COLTS** with goals from Josh Atherton, Craig Harris, James Drury and Chris Seabury, while Mark Proctor and Chris Hughes found the net for Waterloo.

St Martins are held in draw thriller

St MARTINS returned to action with a thrilling 4-4 draw at Mahal as they look to climb towards mid-table in the West Midlands League division one.

Having played just once since Christmas, Derek Stokes' side appeared to be heading for victory as they led 4-2 with just a few minutes remaining, but were pegged back in the latter stages.

Mahal had more of the game in midfield, but we had the better chances," said Stokes. "They would have been disappointed not to have got anything out of the game but, when you're 4-2 up with eight minutes left, it was frustrating for us to draw in the end."

The Saints led 1-0 through Jamie Williams and, although Mahal levelled, they extended their advantage when Tim Allen went through to score before Williams netted his second of the game to make it 3-1.

The Birmingham side pulled one back but the points looked to be in St Martins' grasp with a penalty from Allen, however Mahal clawed their way back late on helped by a poor clearance for their equaliser.

The Saints now embark on a run of three home games, starting with the visit of Trysull on Saturday.



Athletic Market's James Carsley tries to close down Cross Foxes' Richard Hardy
Picture: Michael Thomas Jenkins

Four Crosses title hopes hit as leaders thrash them 5-0

FOUR CROSSES' title ambitions in the Spar Mid Wales League division one suffered a jolt as they crashed 5-1 to high flying Llanidloes Town at Foxen Manor.

Defeat leaves Nick Poppy's side eight points adrift of the Daffs and, despite having a game in hand, they now face a big task to make up the deficit in the coming weeks.

The match was effectively over at half time, with the league leaders 5-0 up, and Four Crosses down to 10 men after having keeper Alex Gunn sent off.

Llani were soon out of the blocks and opened up a two-goal lead with a brace from

Tom Goodwin, who capitalised on a loose ball following a couple of set plays.

A third arrived when Gunn brought down the advancing Jamie Breese which earned the keeper a red card, and Gareth Mansell put away the spot kick.

Breese volleyed a fourth from a Karl Seilearts cross following a good move, and an own goal completed the home misery in the first half.

Crosses battled hard in the second half, and pulled a goal back through Gareth Jones, but there was no realistic chance of staving off a potentially damaging defeat.

Llani are still four points clear of second placed Builth Wells, who kept up the pressure on the leaders with a slender 1-0 win over Aberystwyth University thanks to a 35th minute winner from Dan Kenyan.

Title outsiders **MONTGOMERY**, with games in hand, also lost ground after being held 2-2 at home by Bow Street.

WATERLOO ROVERS had few problems in sweeping aside struggling Dolgelau 6-0 as they continued their rich vein of scoring form to move up to fifth in the table.

Will Pritchard led the way with two of the goals, while Steve Hole, Pete Brooks, Rob Jones and Charlie Proctor also found the net.

Revival

WELSHPOOL'S disappointing start to the year continued as they were edged out 1-0 at home to **BERRIEW** who consolidated fourth position courtesy of Rob Pritchard's strike.

LLANSANTFFRAID VILLAGE remain just below mid-table after going down 3-2 at Newbridge, who were always ahead through Dave Thomas, Marco Parry and Alfie Stonefield, while fortunes are looking up for lowly Carno who accounted for Tywyn Brynrcrug 3-1 as their revival continued.

DYFRYN BANW notched only their second league win of the season as they maintained their improvements on the pitch with a welcome 3-2 home verdict over one time title challengers Aberaeron.

Although they are still second bottom, Banw have closed the gap on a couple of sides above them, and, with a trip to Welshpool this weekend, they will fancy their chances of climbing the table.

Alun Jones fired the winner last week, after earlier strikes from Tom Foulkes (penalty) and Geraint Roberts while Abermule, who finished the game with nine men after injuries and a sending off, stayed in the hunt through Gaz Evans and Gareth Severs.

Banw had Foulkes sent off for two bookings to taint the win.

Cross Foxes extend lead

CROSS FOXES have opened a five point lead at the top of the Roche North Shropshire Sunday League after beating second placed **Athletico Market** 3-1.

Foxes took the lead in time added on at the end of the first half when a Gareth Hardy cross to the far post was slotted home by his brother Matthew Hardy.

Carl Harris made it 2-0 on the hour when he ran onto a through ball from Richard Hardy and shot just inside the right hand post.

Tim Allen pulled one back for the Market on 86 minutes when a James Carsley free kick into the Foxes box was punched out by 'keeper

Roche North Shropshire Sunday Football League

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Cross Foxes	13	9	3	1	54	30	
Athletico Market	12	8	1	3	25	25	
Oswestry Bell	9	7	1	1	20	22	
The Keys	12	7	1	4	14	22	
The Oak	11	5	0	6	-5	15	
Malpas	9	4	2	3	4	14	
Dudleston Heath	9	2	1	6	-3	7	
Ironworks	11	2	1	8	-56	7	
The Plough	12	0	0	12	-53	0	

Ritchie Harris straight to Allen who found the net. Harris made sure of the points in added on time at the end when he rode a tackle beat the keeper with a left footed shot into the bottom corner of the net. This coming Sunday Foxes travel to Oswestry Bell.

Dylan Ellis notched a well taken hat trick for

Oswestry Bell in their 5-1 win over bottom placed **Plough**, his third the pick of the bunch with a shot from 30 yards.

Nick Davies and a Nathan Wilson own goal for the Bell. Matt Finch scored a consolation from the spot after a foul in the box. **The Keys** defended well against **Oak Inn** in the first half with Todd Roberts, Dave Hartshorn and John Delaney all denied by the Keys' 'keeper Nicky Davies. The teams went in at half time goal less. The deadlock was broken by Keiran Williams with Craig Sudlow, Alan Ellis and Williams with his second making it 4-0.

Bright on target as Lions roar into semis

IN-FORM Oswestry Lions roared into the semi-final of the Mercian Regional League division one cup with a 4-1 passage at Morda United reserves – with in-form striker Scott Bright netting a hat-trick against his former club.

Although the Lions started brightly with good wing work from Gary Windsor and Joe Evans, there was no score for the first 42 minutes before Bright took centre stage with his treble, and Chris Bishop added another to seal a comfortable win with Ryan Jones hitting a late consolation for the hosts.

Oswestry Lions entered this local derby with six of their starting line up having worn Morda colours in the past but their lowly hosts matched their third placed opponents in the early stages.

Gradually the Lions started to create chances with Bright shooting wide and Bishop and Gary Windsor both hitting the woodwork.

Morda held out until three minutes before half time when keeper Daniel Wood was adjudged to have tripped Bright who duly despatched the penalty to leave the visitors one up at the interval.

The Weston Road side were still in contention after the break with Harry Davies prominent in midfield, but Ryan Jones was unable to finish an early chance when fed by Davies.

Solid

Bright then confirmed the Lions' superiority with the second on 54 minutes after good work from Bishop, while home keeper Wood made a double save from Bright and Bishop before Bright completed his third hat trick in a row.

With the industrious Oliver Jones, Ben Williams and Graham Dyke dominating the midfield area, Bishop then hit the fourth after pouncing on a defensive mix-up with Bright the provider this time.

The Morda youngsters battled to the end with keeper Wood making further good blocks, but at the other end they were met by the solid central pairing of Neil Davies and Matt Williams.

However, they were rewarded with a consolation when Ryan Jones netted his ninth goal of the season in the dying minutes.

On Saturday, Morda will face another tough challenge when they entertain fourth placed Pres in a league fixture (2pm).

The buoyant Lions must wait until a week on Saturday for their next league action, when they also take on Pres away.

Oswestry A stay on top

IN THE top of the table clash in division three of the Shropshire League, Oswestry A and Newport D drew, which means the Oswestry outfit retain their lead.

Wellington B's draw against Oswestry B meant they were unable to close on the leading pair. Results: Oswestry A 2, Newport D 2; G Ives 0, R Szajkajun 1; R Thomson 0, S Szajkajun 1; J Smith 1, L Clarke 0; J Davies 1, M Moore 0.

Wellington B 2, Oswestry B 2; D Powell 1, K Bacon 0; N Sampson 1, J Smith 0; D Ogundipe 0, A Evans 1; M Walsh 0, E Stevenson 1.

Scottish triumph for Moreton



Moreton Hall's successful lacrosse side are all smiles after victory

MORETON Hall School's lacrosse team enjoyed a successful raid north of the border as they lifted the Scottish Open Lacrosse Tournament.

The side was made up of under-15 and under-16 players due to the first team playing The Queens School Chester – where they also won 27-2 – but dominated the competition at Loretto School, Edinburgh, winning all their matches.

The final saw Moreton defeat Queen Margaret's, York, 5-0.

The school, at Weston Rhyn near Oswestry, was also toasting further sporting success after winning the under-19 North Shropshire Netball Tournament (competing against Ellesmere College, Oswestry School and North Shropshire College) and claiming victory in the Shropshire Schools Cross Country Race, ahead of Wrekin College, Shrewsbury High and Bedstone College.

■ The English Lacrosse Association has launched Shropshire's first Community Lacrosse Club at Moreton Hall.

The Shropshire Lacrosse Club is aimed

at all women and girls aged 13 or over who want to give lacrosse a go or get back into the sport.

"Lacrosse is said to be the fastest game on two legs – it's a very exciting competitive sport", explains English Lacrosse Association's Taryn Abbassian whose base is at Moreton Hall.

"We are seeing a tremendous interest in women's lacrosse in England and are very keen to get as many people as possible into the sport in Shropshire."

Encourage

The club holds two training sessions every Wednesday evening: 6.30-7.30pm for 13-17 year olds and 7.30-8.30pm for those aged 18+.

"People don't need any experience nor any equipment except for a mouth guard."

"We encourage anyone to come down and give it a try or to pick up their sticks again if they have not played for a few years."

For details contact Taryn Abbassian on abbassian@moretonhall.com

Ladies return to hockey action and battle way to 6-2 victory

AFTER an extended Christmas break due to the poor weather, Oswestry Ladies returned to league action this week with a 6-2 win over Newton-Le-Willows.

The opposition were something of an unknown quantity, as Oswestry had been awarded a walkover the last time the two were supposed to meet.

Travelling with a small squad of 12, Oswestry were missing their more experienced goalkeeper but Sarah Lowe and Freya Rham rose to the occasion, splitting the duties between them.

Oswestry started sluggishly, the extended break having left the team looking rusty in the opening sessions of the game.

Newton took advantage of this allowing them numerous chances on the break.

Crunch match for Rhyn

WESTON Rhyn are gearing up for a crunch trip to basement rivals Whitchurch Alport on Saturday in a game that could determine their survival prospects in the Mercian Regional League premier division.

Rhyn go into the clash third from bottom, one place above Alport who have three games in hand, so know that they cannot afford to lose.

Meanwhile, it was the end of the road for Weston Rhyn in the premier division cup as they suffered a narrow 1-0 home exit to Shifnal 97 last weekend.

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Cup win is marred by attack on player

MORDA successfully navigated a tricky trip to Telford Juniors as they reached the last eight of the Mercian Regional League premier division cup with a 2-1 victory.

The Weston Road men were well worth the win, but the tie was tarnished at the final whistle when one of their goalscorers, Gary Meredith, was punched by an opposition player.

Telford enjoyed their fair share of possession in the first half, but Morda provided the greater threat and should have taken the lead but Joe Coulson had a penalty saved after his first effort had to be re-taken.

But Coulson made amends just moments later when pouncing to score after a free kick had been planted into the box.

That lead was doubled after the interval as Mike Lloyd and Meredith made a nuisance of themselves from another free kick, and Lloyd teed up Meredith to fire home.

Postponed

The visitors eased off a little, allowing their Telford hosts to come more into the game, and they reduced the arrears when profiting from a mistake.

But Morda saw the game out and should have made the final score more comfortable, before proceedings ended on a sour note with the melee at the final whistle.

Craig Rogers' side will now meet either AFC Ludlow or Oakengates (whose tie was postponed) in the quarter-finals.

Third placed Morda return to the league duty on Saturday when a crunch clash at FC Hodnet, who lie just one place below.

Tables

Welshpool Dominoes									
DIVISION 1									
	P	W	L	F	A		P	W	L
Social Club A	18	14	4	86	40				
Chil	18	12	6	80	46				
Pinewood C	17	13	4	77	42				
Compasses	17	10	7	66	53				
Waterloo	18	10	8	66	60				
Sun Inn	18	9	9	65	61				
Pinewood A	17	9	8	60	69				
G/Dragon Butt B	17	8	9	58	61				
Cock P/A	17	8	9	55	64				
Pinewood Dragons	17	7	10	54	65				
Bowling Club	18	6	12	48	78				
G/Dragon Butt A	18	4	14	43	83				
Powis Arms P/Q	18	4	14	40	86				
DIVISION 2									
	P	W	L	F	A		P	W	L
Rack	19	15	4	81	42				
Cock A	19	14	5	89	44				
Westwood	19	11	8	73	60				
Talbot	19	10	9	71	62				
Angel	19	11	8	70	63				
Kings Head	19	10	9	67	66				
Westwood Wand	19	9	10	67	66				
Grapes	19	11	8	64	69				
Horsehoe	19	9	10	63	68				
The Real Railway	19	9	10	63	70				
Muriels Bunch	19	9	10	62	69				
R&F Boys	19	8	11	62	71				
Breidden	19	7	12	58	75				
Wellington	19	1	18	30	103				

Wheatland Indoor Cricket League

Division two: Cae Glas 99-2 (B. Hipkiss 25 no, R. Nimantha 18, G. Edgerton 14 no), Beacon 84 (Jim Yapp 35, S. Hosking 19, M. Coulson 2-21), Cae Glas won by 15 runs. Somers Heath 90-4 (J. Gillespie 20, A. Muller 24), Willey 92-2 (S. Walters 23, R. Plant 25 no, M. Brown 19), Willey won by 4 wickets. Church Streeton 84-0 (Lee 17, F. Hicks 16 no, K. Sambrook 2-13), Grove 85-3 (W. Manner 28 no, K. Sambrook 14 no, T. Crompton 2-16), Grove won by 3 wickets.

DIVISION 1									
	P	W	T	L	Pts		P	W	T
Shifnal	9	7	0	2	42				
Condover	9	7	0	2	42				
Graeshoppers	9	6	0	3	36				
Alisbury	9	3	0	6	18				
Shelford	9	2	0	7	12				
Count	9	2	0	7	12				
DIVISION 2									
	P	W	T	L	Pts		P	W	T
Willey	8	7	0	1	42				
Cae Glas	8	6	0	2	36				
Beacon	8	4	0	4	24				
Grove Heath	8	3	0	5	18				
Bome	8	3	0	5	18				
Church Streeton	8	0	0	7	6				

Shropshire Chess League

DIVISION 3									
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts		
Oswestry A	9	6	0	25	11	15			
Newport D	9	5	1	23	13	9			
Wellington B	9	4	1	22.5	13.5	12			
Shrewsbury C	8	4	1	21.5	13.5	10			
Newport C	9	4	1	18	20	7			
Oswestry B	9	1	14	22	5				
Shifnal & Telford D	9	1	5	11.5	24.5	4			
Telford D	8	1	5	9.5	22.5	4			

Guilsfield are made to pay for a slow start

DESPITE rallying in the second half, Guilsfield paid the price for their early lethargy as they slipped to a 2-1 Cymru Alliance defeat at Porthmadog.

The visitors' lack of match sharpness was all too evident in a poor first half performance as they struggled to get into gear, and Port were very much in control with a strong wind behind them.

The Traeth hosts established a two goal advantage but the Guils upped their performance after the break and, once Will Thomas found the net 10 minutes from time, almost salvaged the game in a tense finale.

In a proverbial game of two halves, Porthmadog dominated the first 45 minutes and were unlucky not to go ahead when John Owen headed against the bar from a Steve Kehoe corner.

Porthmadog 2 Guilsfield 1

But Port were not to be denied on 26 minutes when Owen's angled ball found Gruff Williams in plenty of space on left of the box and the youngster fired low from 15 yards wide of keeper Mike Barton's left hand.

The Guilsfield back four shot themselves in the foot again 10 minutes later when the home side extended their lead as Owen was allowed to waltz through and set up Graham Boylan to net.

The visitors returned to the pitch early for the second period with renewed purpose following a half time "talk" and immediately looked a yard quicker to the ball.

Ten minutes into the half, Martin Ziemann rose well at the back post and was unlucky to see his header strike the bar

before being cleared, and four minutes later a last ditch clearance from Kehoe kept out James Henderson's effort.

The Mid Walians continued to apply the pressure, with Gareth Jones firing wide from distance and Thomas also going close. But it took until the 80th minute before the Guils were able to cut the deficit when leading scorer Thomas netted with an angled chip to which keeper Richard Harvey was only able to get a despairing hand.

The Guils continued to push but the Port rearguard managed to hold firm in a frantic last 10 minutes to deny the visitors, who remain eighth in the table despite the loss.

Russell Cadwallader's side bid to bounce back on Saturday when they take a break from the league to host Hay St Mary's in the fourth round of the Central Wales Cup.

Without a game due to Flint's involve-

ment in the Welsh Cup, LLANRHAeadr are now bottom of the Cymru Alliance after last-gasp 4-4 draw at Llandudno.

The villagers again have no league action this weekend as they gear up for a tricky home meeting with Montgomery in the Central Wales Cup, and will hope to shrug off their lack of match action.

They have seen their last six league outings postponed, and have played just once since December 8, that being a 3-0 defeat at Holyhead Hotspur on 12 January.

The following Saturday, Mario Iaquinta's side face a crunch Cymru Alliance outing at home to fellow strugglers Penycae.

Fourth round draw is Llanfair United v Caersws, Guilsfield v Hay St Marys, Llanhaeadr v Montgomery Town, Presteigne or Aberystwyth University v Aberaron, Rhyader Town v Buith Wells, Llansanffraid Village v Carno, Tywyn Brynchrug v Llanidloes Town, Waterloo Rovers v Bow Street.

No thrill for Rhyl as TNS hit five to make cup last eight

The New Saints 5 Rhyl 1

HOLDERS The New Saints kept their defence of the Welsh Cup firmly on track as they eased into the quarter-finals with a 5-1 victory over previously unbeaten Rhyl at Park Hall.

The Welsh Premier high fliers were always in charge on a miserable, rainswept night, and only looked inconvenienced for a short spell early in the second half when the Seasideers threatened to make a fight of it.

But for most part the Oswestry men bossed possession and territory against the Cymru Alliance pacemakers as they convincingly booked a trip to Haverfordwest in the last eight.

The Saints were soon into their stride with a gusting wind at their backs, with Kai Edwards putting one close range effort just past the far post at full stretch from Ryan



New-boy Mullan looking forward to wowing fans

NEW SIGNING Jamie Mullan says he has quickly settled into life with The New Saints following his switch to Park Hall. Mullan, a former Rochdale and Fleetwood winger, joined the club from Conference North side Stalybridge Celtic, and can't wait to get started.

"I have only been here a few days but so far the lads have been great with me," he said. "I am an attacking player and I like to take players on. Hopefully the fans will enjoy watching me play."

Nottingham-born Mullan, who spent four years with Manchester United's academy after joining them from

Notts County as a 14-year-old, added that he is looking forward to the possibility of playing in Europe.

However, he will have to wait a couple of weeks before making his debut after picking up a hand injury with his previous club.

TNS director of football Craig Harrison said it was vital to bolster the squad at this stage of the season.

"I think it is very important that we added to the squad because we lost Jason Lampkin and it is always important that we have competition for places," he said. Harrison, whose side are sitting seven points clear at the top of the table, said that Mullan will be able to provide more competition.

"We already have two absolutely fantastic wide men in Chris Jones and Ryan Fraughan, but I feel as though we need three," he said. "We have done our homework on Jamie and he is a tricky winger with plenty of pace and reminds me of an old fashioned wide man."

"He has fitted in well. He already knew Mike Wilde because they played together at Fleetwood Town. The deal is fantastic for the club and will most certainly give the side that extra push this season."

Fraughan's cross, while Chris Seargeant and Chris Jones both had low strikes saved by third choice keeper Danny Jones.

Matty Williams then had a golden chance when latching onto a poor clearance, but the ball rolled just wide with the goal at his mercy, while Simon Spender had close range shot blocked on the line as the hosts continued to make the running.

With Rhyl penned back in their own half, the goal that threatened arrived in the 28th minute when Seargeant's inswinging corner from the left found its way into the net via the back post and visiting defender.

More defensive hesitation led to a second goal eight minutes later when keeper Jones failed to deal with Liam Benson's back pass, and the loose ball fell for Williams who had the simple chance of slotting into the net.

Spurred on by their animated fans, Rhyl started the second period with renewed zest and Dave Forbes volleyed in a close range reply.

Swirling

For the first time in the match, TNS looked rattled, but a third goal from Kai Edwards, who steered home a Seargeant free kick from the left in the 58th minute, took the sting out of the fourth round tie.

But the Saints capitalised as their opponents tired in the latter stages, with substitute Mike Wilde firing low into the net from 16 yards before Fraughan made it five with a swirling 20-yarder into the net.

There was still time for Chris Jones to clip the bar with a free kick from just outside the box as the hosts ended a potentially tricky tie in full charge.

Elsewhere, Newtown's hopes of mounting a run in the Welsh Cup were dashed in the cruelest of fashions as a penalty shootout settled their fourth round tie with Airbus UK at Latham Park after the sides had finished 1-1.

The Robins led at the interval through Luke Boundford, but had ex-TNS forward Nicky Ward sent off following a melee early in the second half.

Saints cruise to easy win



Aeron Edwards goes on the attack during the TNS win over Aberystwyth Town

THE New Saints marked their first home appearance of the year with a comfortable 3-0 victory over Aberystwyth to consolidate their seven point lead at the top of the Welsh Premier.

Having last played at Park Hall back on Boxing Day due to a quirk of the fixture list and postponements, the league leaders relished the return to home surroundings as they cantored to victory.

"Having not played for a couple of weeks, the players came back refreshed and hungry," said head coach Carl Darlington.

"It was very comfortable, we dominated from first whistle to last, and it was one of our best performances of the season."

"We kept the ball well, never really looked under any pressure, and at times played some exceptional football."

The Saints never looked back after taking an early lead when Alex Darlington netted the first of his brace on four minutes when slotting home after an excellent run and cross from Simon Spender.

Aber, who have won just one of their previous 19 visits to the defending champions, rarely suggested they could put the record straight as the hosts continued to make the running.

The New Saints 3 Aberystwyth Town 0

Ryan Fraughan put an effort wide as the Saints pushed with purpose with the ram-paging Spender instigating several of their raids from wide on the right.

Despite the loss of Steve Evans with a serious looking ankle injury, the towering defender being replaced by Kai Edwards, it impacted little on the Saints who were in cruise control.

And once Darlington netted his second of the game seven minutes before the break after Chris Seargeant's free kick was not cleared, there looked to be no way back for the Black and Greens.

Mike Wilde had a goal ruled out, and Seargeant fired wide from the edge of the box before the half time whistle as TNS continued to enjoy the bulk of possession, while Wilde headed over from another inviting Spender cross in the second half.

Seargeant crashed a powerful effort straight at Aber keeper Mike Lewis, but a third goal duly arrived on the hour when sub Edwards made it three when heading home Chris Jones' corner.

Clarke hits double as Llany Lions roar home

TWO goals from midfielder Xavie Clarke steered Llanymynech under-13 Lions to a 5-3 victory over Worthen in the Shropshire Junior League.

Llany started the brighter but it wasn't until 20 minutes that they managed to make the breakthrough via a Clarke goal direct from a free kick, and this was soon followed by a second when Ryan Jones slotted past the keeper.

Worthen were allowed back into the game with goals either side of the break to give them the momentum.

It took another goal from player of the match Clarke to give the away side the advantage, and Llanymynech then pushed on with Ellis Griffith continuing his fine goal scoring form to add the fourth.

This was quickly followed by an excellent individual goal from Rhys Pain who dribbled from the half way line into the box to slot in the team's fifth before Worthen grabbed a third at the death.

Llanymynech under-13 Dragons put in a terrific display before going down 3-1 to highly rated Shrewsbury Up and Comer Hawks.

Every Dragon player put in a super performance in a tough game from start to finish, with player-of-the-match being Ben Edwards with a majestic performance at the heart of the defence.

Keeper Sam is under-13 draw hero

OSWESTRY under-13s produced a spirited showing to draw 2-2 at Shropshire Junior League leaders Prees Heath Tigers.

Prees, who have only lost one game all season, were stunned as Oswestry went two goals up through Toby Thomas and Charlie Harding in the first 20 minutes.

Stung into action, the hosts piled on the pressure in the second half and it wasn't long before they were back on terms.

However, with some valiant defending and keeper Sam Fidget making crucial saves, Oswestry came away with a well deserved draw.

Oswestry Lions under-eights went down 9-6 at Fut-sol Up and Comers in a high scoring affair in which they were always in the hunt, having been 5-5 at one stage.

Two wins on trot for Boys

OSWESTRY BOYS Club made it back to back wins with a 2-0 verdict at Prees that consolidated eighth place in the Mercian Regional League division one.

They chase another victory when they host Brown Cleo on Saturday, with the visitors, who lie one place below, having remarkably not played for eight weeks due to the wintry weather and Christmas break.

Wales women lose to Norway

WALES women under-19s lost 4-0 to a strong Norway side at TNS' Park Hall stadium this week.

The Norwegians were always in charge of the match after racing into a 3-0 half time lead.

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COBRA in mood to dislodge Denbigh

COBRA hope it's third time lucky when they entertain Denbigh in a rearranged Swalec Bowl fourth round tie on Saturday (12.30).

The tie between the two leading lights in the Welsh League division two (north) has twice been postponed due to the weather, but prospects of it being staged this weekend look more favourable.

The game kicks off at 12.30 due to it being the Six Nations weekend with Wales meeting France later in the day, and spokesman James Watkin believes the early start may help the Meifod side's prospects.

"It's never easy going away and it will be an early start for them which could work in our favour," he said.

"We may also play on our smaller pitch if the first team's is too wet, which will suit us as Denbigh look to get the ball wide.

Having lost to them twice in the league, it will be nice to get one over them."

If they can overcome Denbigh, COBRA face a tricky trip to Gwent to take on either Hafodyrnyns or Nant-yglo in the fifth round.

COBRA II, meanwhile, notched a 23-3 win at Newtown in the Mid Wales League with tries from prop Andy Evans and flanker Lloyd Bright, both converted by fly half Rhodri Davies who also landed three penalties.

WELSHPOOL have no game in division three (north) this weekend, with their next action an eagerly anticipated derby at Newtown the following week.

Buoyed by their 22-0 win over Oldershaw last week, OSWESTRY chase more points at home to Vagabonds on Saturday as they look to consolidate their position in the top half of the South Lancs & Cheshire Two table.

Brave fight by Rangers

ELLESMERE RANGERS put up a brave display but went down 3-0 at Midland Alliance high-fliers Stourport Swifts.

Bottom club Rangers matched their second-placed hosts until a 62 minute penalty for handball was dispatched. Swifts killed the game off with further goals from Lewis Pountney and Dan Polan in the last 10 minutes.

Club spokesman Mark McIntyre said: "The players are all gutted. The penalty was the turning point."

Four Crosses face goalkeeper problem ahead of home clash

FOUR Crosses face a goalkeeping dilemma for their Spar Mid Wales League division one home clash with Berriew on Saturday.

After crashing 5-1 to leaders Llanidloes Town in their top-of-the-table showdown, they are now eight points off the pace, and need to quickly dust themselves down.

With Alex Gunn sent off last week, boss Nick Popyk is pondering his goalkeeping options, with youngster James Humphreys in the frame along with a couple of other targets.

"We've got to pick ourselves up and not let last Saturday's result affect us," said Popyk.

"We'll need a lot of factors to go our way if we're going to win the league now, but the

important thing is that we stay up there and take advantage if someone does slip up."

Reflecting on last Saturday's result, he said: "We were awful in the first half, but we were not helped by some of the referee's decisions."

Ryan Morris and Matty Jones both return from suspension, and Ben Oakley is back in the frame.

Reserve team vice captain James Grainger will miss the rest of the season after fracturing his elbow.

Meanwhile, Four Crosses' home tie with Montgomery in the Montgomeryshire Cup has been rearranged for a third time this Sunday.

United side warned they will have to hit top form in cup tie

LLANFAIR United may be flying high this season – but boss Rhys Stephens is under no illusions that his side face a stern challenge at home to Caersws in the fourth round of the Central Wales Cup.

United are unbeaten in the Spar Mid Wales League division two, and hold a seven point lead at the top, while Caersws have gone off the boil of late in the Cymru Alliance with three straight defeats.

But Stephens knows his side will have to be at their best if they are to pull off a surprise on Saturday. "We know it's going to be tough as we have watched them and they are a very good side," he said.

Having played just once in two months,

LLANRHAEDR face a tricky return to action on Saturday with a fourth round tie at home to Spar Mid Wales League side MONTGOMERY.

The hosts will be glad to get back on the pitch after a frustrating spell that now sees them at the foot of the Cymru Alliance.

After losing 2-1 at Porthmadog last week, GUILDFIELD bid to bounce back when they also take a break from the league to host Hay St Mary's in the cup.

Fourth round games: Llanfair United v Caersws, Guilsfield v Hay St Marys, Llanrhaeadr v Montgomery Town, Rhayader Town v Bulth Wells, Llanstffraid Village v Carno, Tywyn Brynchrug v Llanidloes Town, Waterloo Rovers v Bow Street.

Manager is looking for luck change

MANAGER Dave Jones is looking for a change of luck as Welshpool Town aim to stop the rot when they host basement rivals Dyffryn Banw on Saturday.

While Pool remain third from bottom in the Spar Mid Wales League division one following their 1-0 loss to fourth placed Berriew at Maesdyre, Banw had a 3-2 home win over Aberaron.

And Lilywhites boss Jones knows his side need to get back on track, after suffering four straight defeats.

However, he was far from happy after his side's slender defeat to Berriew who appeared fortunate to escape when a defender dived to clear off the line with his hand before half time.

"It was the most ridiculous decision I've ever seen, it should have been a penalty and he should have been sent off, no one could believe it," said Jones who knows his side need maximum points against Banw and Dolgellau.

Rovers ready for Bow tie

WATERLOO Rovers will be out to continue their rich vein of form on Saturday when they host Bow Street in the fourth round of the Central Wales Cup.

The Welshpool side swept aside lowly Dolgellau 6-0 last week to move up to fifth in the Spar Mid Wales League division one.

And boss Dale Roberts now wants to keep that form going as he bids to keep the flag flying in the cup.

"Bow Street will be a tough game, but we would like to progress in the cup, so will be taking it seriously with the importance of the game being outlined to the players," he said.

Morda close to new signings

MORDA United are close to completing two significant signings as they bid to stay in the race for the Merican Regional League premier division title.

Boss Craig Rogers hopes to bolster his squad in the next few days, possibly in time for Saturday's big game at FC Hodnet.

TNS MOVE CLOSER TO DOUBLE REPEAT

HEAD coach Carl Darlington knows there can be no easing up if The New Saints are to remain on course for a repeat of last season's League and Welsh Cup double.

Lying seven points clear in the Welsh Premier, holders TNS are also through to the quarter-finals of the Welsh Cup after seeing off Cymru Alliance pacesetters Rhyl 5-1 at a rainswept Park Hall in midweek.

It bodes well for the coming months, with the Oswestry side in pole position as the second

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phase of the league season gets underway at home to Port Talbot on Saturday (2.30).

The Saints last savoured back-to-back league titles in 2007, and Darlington admits this is the challenge ahead for the full-timers.

"It's a fantastic position to be in," he said. "We are seven points clear in the league, three points better off than this time last year, but we have to make sure we keep that distance as things can soon change."

"We have to show a desire and discipline to win every game, and if we do that then we have a good chance."

"Tuesday's cup tie with

Rhyl was potential banana skin as they are flying in their league and are unbeaten in 21 games.

"Although we dominated the first half, we didn't play as well as last Saturday (when beating Aberystwyth 3-0), but a win's a win and there were some excellent individual performances."

TNS now face a tricky trip to Welsh League division one title chasers Haverfordwest in the last eight next month but, before then, the reigning champions have some important league games coming up, starting with the

visit of Port Talbot to Park Hall on Saturday.

"They have strengthened, and will be no pushovers," added Darlington.

"It's our third home game in seven days, and our aim is to win all three. We have a strong squad and were able to rest players against Rhyl to keep them fresh."

Since surprisingly losing 3-0 at home to Carmarthen in late November, TNS are now six games unbeaten in league. Aeron Edwards, Mike Wilde and Phil Baker are set to return to the starting line-up after being on the bench in midweek.

Honours

Key defender Steve Evans, however, faces at least three weeks out with an ankle injury he sustained in last Saturday's win against Aberystwyth.

Meanwhile, former Saints and Airbus UK defender Tommy Holmes has joined Welsh Premier rivals Prestatyn Town.

The 33-year-old signed for the Wingmakers in the 2011 close season after spending 11 seasons with TNS, where he won numerous honours and made 17 European appearances.

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Kai Edwards' shot flies into the Aberystwyth net during last Saturday's 3-0 victory

Welsh Premier League crowds fall for first phase of fixtures

ATTENDANCES for the first phase of Welsh Premier fixtures have fallen by 13 per cent compared with the same period last season.

Some 5,923 fewer spectators attended 132 games – 38,522 compared with 44,445 – with only three clubs seeing more fans clicking through the turnstiles.

Despite their success on the field, reigning champions The New Saints have seen their gates slide by 15 per cent while large decreases were also recorded at bottom club Afan Lido (21.4 per cent) and cash-strapped

Llanelli (21.6 per cent), and attendances at Bala Town are down by 28 per cent.

However, Newtown's gates have improved by 16.5 per cent and Aberystwyth's by 6.1 per cent, and Airbus UK Broughton has an average increase of 21 per cent.

The highest gate so far this season was the 846 who watched Bangor, the league's best-supported club, beat Gap Connah's Quay on the opening night of the season, while the lowest was 76 for Lido's home game with the same opponents.

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